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EDITORIAL

THOUGHTS THAT BREATHE AND WORDS THAT BURN

Public Cheated Out of Millions By Investing in Get-Rich-Quick Schemes and Fraudulent Stock

IT is amazing that the American people will give up five hundred millions a year of their good, hard-earned money to swindlers and keep on doing it year after year although repeatedly warned by frequent public exposures of the various methods and devices used by these crooks to gain their confidence and wheedle them into parting with their cash. The success of these nefarious operators is based on an appeal to the desire that most people have to acquire unearned wealth and their willingness to take a gambler's chance in the hope of realizing their wish. In other words it is the combination of greed and folly on the part of the victims quite as much as deceit on the part of the rascals that leads to the undoing of the former. The following illustrations are interesting and we hope that they may prove helpful in saving our readers from getting caught in some similar trap.

Such was the world-wide notoriety given the get-rich-quick scheme by which Charles Ponzi, starting with nothing, in a few months raked in six or eight million dollars in large and small sums from thousands of credulous people in Boston and vicinity that it did not seem possible for a bunco game of the same brand to be worked again on the present generation. That happened only a year ago last fall when Ponzi was arrested and later sentenced in the U. S. Court, in Boston, to serve five years in prison for using the mails to defraud. For weeks the daily and weekly papers throughout the country featured his skyrocket career in finance as the chief sensational topic of the season. The inducement that he held out to the public was the promise of fifty per cent. profit for the use of a depositor's money for a short time ranging from forty-five to ninety days, falsely and fraudulently representing that he was realizing enormous profits from dealing in foreign exchange and foreign return postage coupons. He did not deal in foreign exchange nor in return postage coupons, but paid the early depositors ahead of time with the promised fifty per cent. additional by the simple expedient of using the money of later depositors for this purpose, though he did not disclose this fact but pretended he was only sharing profits with them. As soon as it got noised about that he was actually returning fifty per cent. profit for a few weeks' use of his depositors' money he was overwhelmed by a rush of would-be depositors and money came in faster than his clerks could count and give receipts for it, much less keep proper account of it on his books. He used and spent this money in luxurious living as if it were his own, and when called to account for it he was found to be hopelessly bankrupt. He is now in Plymouth jail on the second year of his sentence while the poor dupes that trusted him are bewailing the loss of their money.

But there is now, as there was in Barnum's day, a never-failing crop of suckers ever ready to bite at an alluring bait. And so, before the newspapers had ceased featuring Ponzi's picture and exploits on the front page an imitator of him launched out on a career of fraud which rivals that of the original. Raymond J. Bischoff, age twenty-seven, is the man who worked the Ponzi game in Chicago until stopped by bankruptcy proceedings instituted against him last February. In answer to questions by Judge Landis he acknowledged that he owed at least seven million dollars for money that he had induced thousands of people to entrust to him for speculative purposes. He collected this vast sum in less than two years, largely from people of small means who will suffer because of its loss which in many a case means the sweeping away of the savings of a lifetime, and he has run through with practically all of it; five thousand dollars is the Judge's valuation of all there is left of it. He had twenty agents out canvassing for him and it was no unusual occurrence for them to bring in fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars in a single day. He said that people had confidence in him and that it was easy to induce them to trust him with

their money in expectation of inordinate profits; and to some of them he did pay profits ranging from twenty-five to one hundred per cent., which was the bait that kept the suckers coming.

A polite rogue, with an attractive personality and a refined elegance of manners and dress that betokened gentility, and living in luxurious style that indicated a high degree of prosperity, made a specialty of gaining the confidence of property-owning women, mostly lone spinsters and widows without male relatives to advise them in financial matters. His rascality came to light recently when he suddenly absconded leaving some twenty women in and about New York poorer by amounts ranging from five thousand to more than half a million dollars because of having trusted him to handle their money. He got six hundred thousand dollars from one woman and smaller, though large, fortunes from others, leaving most of his victims destitute. He deceived these unsuspecting women by pretending (falsely) that he was intimately associated in business with the greatest financiers in New York, and made them believe that in this way he had superlative knowledge and opportunities for profitable investment of their funds.

Some Common Swindles that Are Always Being Worked

The foregoing are samples of somewhat novel and spectacular methods now and then devised by some perverted genius. They usually run a phenomenally successful though brief course, and, when exposed, the wide publicity attained disqualifies them for further use so long as they are held in odious remembrance by the public. But the old swindles of the common sort appear to be endowed with eternal life and perpetual youth, for they are worked continually and can be relied on year after year to attract an endless stream of suckers. Among these old and steady pullers that are working over-time special mention should be made of "bucket shops" that, while pretending to buy and sell stocks on "margin", do not execute orders of that kind but in such cases merely appropriate their customers' money and gamble on the market. If the market goes against the customer the "bucket shop" wins what he loses, but if it happens to go strongly in favor of a large number of customers it is likely to bankrupt the "bucket shop", and in that event the customers lose when they should have won on a square deal. Some States prohibit "bucket shops." At best it is a dangerous gamble for the ordinary man to buy stock on a margin; the only safe rule in this respect is never to do it, and this would eliminate the "bucket shop" question.

Then there is the class of brokers who deal in stocks of such doubtful value and speculative nature that they cannot properly be regarded as "investment securities." A safe rule for the investor is to shun such houses and their wares which latter while holding out an alluring prospect of profit also involve (though not made conspicuous) a chance of loss that the person of small or moderate means cannot afford to take.

Finally there are the promoters of the out-and-out frauds or (what are equally risky) wild and ill-considered development projects. They are a legion in number and name and include almost every kind of business or manufacturing enterprise. The game is to organize a corporation for the pretended purpose of engaging in some line of business in which large fortunes are generally known to have been made. The next step is to sell the stock, and the last is for the promoters to get away with the money, leaving the stockholders with beautifully engraved stock certificates worth less than the value of the blank paper before it was printed.

There are variations in the way the game is worked but certain features are always prominent. A prospectus in the form of a more or less elaborate circular or pamphlet is gotten up describing the property claimed to be owned or

proposed to be bought or constructed, the business to be carried on, and an extravagant statement of the profits expected to be realized. Usually copies of the prospectus are sent by mail accompanied by a letter offering the stock for sale, often on the installment plan, and enclosing a subscription blank. In some instances the prospectus has contained pictures of extensive and costly properties falsely represented to be owned by the company. If the intended victims do not bite immediately they are bombarded by a series of "follow-ups" in the form of persuasive letters or, maybe, by telegrams urging immediate purchase of stock "before the price is advanced" or, perhaps, promising a dividend at an early date. Sometimes a dividend is actually declared and paid out of the capital to make it appear that the company is operating profitably when in fact it has neither business nor operating plant. Sometimes the company offers its stock direct, but more often it is done through some brokerage house; and sometimes the stock subscriptions are solicited personally by agents instead of by mail.

At present oil (petroleum) producing and oil land companies lead all others in the field of fraudulent stock promotion schemes. Automobile companies come next. Motion picture producing companies and even packing house projects have been incorporated for the purpose of fraudulent stock sales. The Government keeps a force of detectives continually at work investigating complaints of fraudulent use of the mails and has landed many of the perpetrators in prison, but in most cases the people have been victimized to a large extent before the scheme has been discovered; frequently the rascals make their clean-up, get away with it and vanish from sight, but soon start a new bunco project under a new name in another locality.

How Investors Can Steer Clear of Fraudulent Stock Schemes

There are two good reasons why it is so extremely rare for an experienced investor to get "stung" by a fraudulent stock promotion. First, because such schemes bear certain characteristic earmarks that put him on his guard at once. Some of these have been described but may not readily be detected by inexperienced persons. However there is one unmistakable danger signal—that of promising big dividends, high interest rates or large profits—which should be enough to scare you off. The second reason why the experienced investor does not get "roped" is because he never does business with unreliable brokerage houses. Now if you will adhere strictly to these two rules and go just a step further (which I will suggest) for your own protection you will keep out of the sucker class and be immune to the blandishments of the bunco stock promoter.

The experienced investor knows the reliable brokerage houses that offer their customers only high-grade investment securities; he also knows how to select from these offerings the securities that are best suited to his financial circumstances and investment policy, for even among good, solid bonds and stocks there is a considerable range for the exercise of judgment in choosing. Most people need advice on both these points, and they should get it from their nearest bank; it will be trustworthy and given without charge. Probably the best policy for the small investor is to put his savings into Government, State, county or municipal bonds, or deposit his money in the savings department of some near-by bank; besides the all-important element of safety thus secured, such investments are readily convertible into cash if need be. But don't overlook the danger of loss of your bonds by fire or theft if kept in your home; some bonds may be safeguarded by registration, but the best way is to keep them in a safe-deposit box in some bank that provides such facility at a small cost.

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LOYALTY AND LOVE

A Memorial Day Romance

By Joseph F. Novak

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MEMORIAL Day dawned brilliantly in the suburb of Chicago where Mrs. Vivian Wheaton and her small daughter, Alethea, lived.

Life had been hard to Vivian. Widowed at nineteen and a mother at the same age, it seemed hard to doom one so young to the life of a devotee—yet that was what her life had been since the day Fred was killed in France. His memory was the idol of her worship.

In the excitement, stress and turmoil of those April days of 1917, when the country was inflamed and patriotism ran high, Fred Wheaton had enlisted. How irresistible he looked in his uniform though it was only that of a private. The snug-fitting coat emphasized the grace of his lithe young body, and with the trappings of war, Fred became more than human to the impressionable girl of eighteen. No captain could have looked more glorious to her than did Fred.

Then came that dream-like night when they attended a dance a few days before he was to leave. The fever of romance was in their veins, and he whispered that he loved her and asked her to marry him.

Tingling with the wild emotion of the hour, filled with the belief that a volunteer should not be refused anything, and with the witchery of his uniform adding its quota to the intensity of a girl's first love, she accepted him and they were married.

A few days of heaven—and then he was off. His kind mother, who was comfortably fixed, took Vivian to live with her, and they comforted each other in their mutual loss. Still, they were happy for as the days passed, Vivian discovered that a great event was to take place in her life, and the day finally came which bore the news to Fred that he was a father.

Shortly after, trouble descended upon the pretty bungalow. Fred's mother took sick and died, and Vivian had scarcely recovered from the shock of this, when news came to her that Fred had fallen in the Chateau Thierry Drive.

For weeks blank despair held its cold hand upon her heart. Then she realized that she must think—not of herself but of Alethea. So, like a stricken lily, when the storm had passed, she raised her head and determined to live.

Fred and his mother had so arranged the title to the bungalow that it should become Vivian's property in the case of the death of either of them, and the money in the bank and her insurance were so arranged that she need have no fears for being able to provide for herself. So she lived on in the pretty bungalow, like a cloistered nun, her whole interest wrapped up in Alethea and the memory of Fred.

This, in short, was Vivian's history. On this Memorial Day, she stepped out into the small garden about the house, and gathered clusters of lilacs and snowballs from the blooming bushes, and fragrant lilies-of-the-valley. The sun was warm, the air fine and clear. Flags were flapping in the breeze and there came to her faintly, distant music—probably the Boy Scouts were assembling for their duties at the cemeteries, or else rehearsing for the big parade that was to take place in the city in the afternoon.

Her fragrant task finished, Vivian went into the house and to Alethea's bed.

"Come, darling," she whispered, "we'll have to get ready. We'll go to the cemetery and decorate Daddy's grave."

The year before, Fred's body had been brought back. When Vivian first beheld the flag-draped box, she had felt that she wanted to die.

But the feeling gradually gave way. In response to her gentle rousing, little Alethea opened her eyes and yawned a kiss-provoking yawn.

"We going today, mamma?" she queried.

"Yes, dear. Now, we'll have some breakfast and then I'll dress you and we'll take these flags and flowers and show Daddy that we haven't forgotten him," and with the words, she picked up Alethea and carried her downstairs.

They stopped before a picture of Fred in uniform. He had been a handsome lad and the glamour that a uniform casts about a man made him doubly attractive.

How she loved him! But as she gazed, she found herself realizing that she was reconciling herself to his loss. The thought startled her, and she hastily brushed it away.

"Come, dear, we'll have breakfast," she said to Alethea, who was babbling sweet nothings to the picture, and they went to the dining-room and there had breakfast, after which Vivian got herself and Alethea ready for the trip to the cemetery.

Memorial services were held in which the veterans of three wars partook; the grizzled old chaps of the Civil War; the boys of the Spanish-American War now in the full bloom of middle age, and the bright, youthful faces of the lads of the World War, "Veterans of the World War" they called themselves, and it seemed a misnomer. To apply the term "veteran" to these boyish faces! And yet, these hoary-headed veterans of the Civil War had once been lads like these!

Vivian went to the little plot in the cemetery where Fred and his mother rested. The flowers she brought were placed in beautiful array upon the grave, but when she draped the flags and a vision of that flag-draped box in which all that was mortal of Fred rested, Vivian wept.

She finally dried her eyes, and taking Alethea

by the hand, went to the rostrum where the Memorial services were being held, and listened until Alethea grew restless. So she started for the street car and went to the downtown district where she and Alethea had their lunch, after which they went to Michigan Boulevard and finding a place sat down upon the curbstone to await the coming of the parade.

All the while the crowd deepened until humanity stood six to eight deep on the sidewalk. The broad thoroughfare was kept clear of pedestrians by the untiring efforts of the traffic police, while Chicago's wonderful skyline presented a flagbedecked front. In the balconies of the fashionable clubs and hotels, society folk congregated, and all the windows of the buildings held their quotas of humanity.

Now and then detachments of organizations marched along to find their places in the parade and relieved the monotony of the wait with bands that struck up martial or popular music.

After a long wait, a solid phalanx advanced over the new Link Bridge and the parade came.

There were the old Veterans coming along, some with spry step, some halting, and others who had been obliged to acknowledge their infirmities by riding in automobiles but whose faded old eyes, nevertheless, showed deep interest in all that was going on and in the applause they received; there were organizations of the Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans, Women's Relief Corps, Posts of the Spanish-American War Veterans, Veterans of the World War, Posts of the American Legion; Posts of colored veterans who did their bit; the Gold Star Mothers, the Gold Star Fathers, and British, French, Italian, Czech-Slovakian and Belgian veterans; Naval Reserves, the Illinois National Guard, thousands upon thousands of men marching through cheering, applauding lines.

Between the various groups were interspersed the bands and historical, emblematical floats, mounted officers, great marshaling of flags, always thrilling, ever picturesque.

In the line of march came an immense float, emblematical of "Peace". A girl in white, winged, with a gilded palm-leaf in one hand and a dove in the other, stood benignly over a gathering of men in uniform representing every participant in the great war. The stacked arms, the machine-guns and cannon and other implements of war had their grimaces hidden in flowers.

As the lumbering motor truck, upon which the pageant was posed creaked by, it bounced into a slight rut and a beautiful lily dropped to the street. Little Alethea, seeing this, made a sudden dive for the flower and into the path of a skittish horse which was curvetting restlessly to the music of the band behind him. At a sudden blare, he broke into a run. With a scream of terror, Vivian ran to the child's rescue. Nothing but the quick action of the rider in leaping down and snatching up the child saved her from being killed, but Vivian was brushed from her feet to the street.

Several policemen rushed forward and picked up the unconscious girl, others were immediately on the spot to preserve order and Vivian was hurried to the Red Cross Emergency Hospital Tent set up before the Public Library, while the parade continued on its way as if nothing had momentarily disturbed it.

Meanwhile, Vivian lay on a cot in the tent, while the sweet-faced nurses worked over her and brought her to consciousness.

"My baby!" was her first exclamation.

The nurse brought Alethea to her, smiling and unharmed.

"Nothing happened to her, dear," she said gently. "Mr. Forsyth caught her up just in time."

And then she went on: "Could you see him dear? He's very anxious about you, and feels so dreadfully about the whole occurrence."

"I think I could," Vivian said, and taking Alethea to her, she closed her eyes.

In a moment more, through the tent flap came a tall, bronzed, good-looking young fellow of about twenty-nine with the insignia of a first lieutenant upon his shoulder.

"Are you hurt very much, Miss—er, ma'am?" he asked with a boyish frankness that was very winsome. "I'm so sorry it all occurred. I haven't been on a horse for a year or more, and I'm afraid I didn't have especially good control of him."

Vivian smiled upon him. "It wasn't your fault. Alethea ran into the street for the lily, see?" and she held up the baby hand which still clasped the lily. "It really was my fault for not watching her more closely. Children will follow their inclinations and dart from your control no matter how much you warn them."

"But you haven't told me whether you are hurt or not," he insisted.

"I'm sure I am not. Your horse just brushed me, and I think I fainted more from fear than from injury. See, I think I can go now."

"I'd rest a bit longer, dear, if I were you," the nurse cautioned gently.

"I'll stay with the soldier man, mamma," Vivian announced. "I'll play he's my soldier papa."

Vivian sighed. "Alethea's papa was a soldier," she said.

"Oh," remarked Lieutenant Forsyth. "Yes. But he—er—was killed at Chateau Thierry," Vivian said, turning away.

"Oh," and this expression was something different again than Lieutenant's same exclamation a moment previous.

Without another word, Forsyth took Alethea outside of the tent, and left Vivian to her memories.

For half an hour or more she rested, listening

to Alethea's artless prattle outside, and Forsyth's big, cheery voice. There was that in his laugh, so full, so round, yet with no boisterousness, that was very attractive.

Finally she called out to them, and the two came into the tent.

"We'll go now, Alethea," Vivian said. "You must let me take you home," Forsyth said. "I have my machine here. Won't you do that?"

He was so anxious to make all amends that she felt it would be unjust not to allow him. And yet, while Chicago is a great city, it is a big city and sometimes a very cruel and wicked city if one is not careful.

"But your horse—" she demurred. "Oh, he's taken care of," he laughed. "Won't you let me do you that little favor?"

They were outside the tent now, and he pointed to a luxurious machine at the curb. Just then a newsboy rushed by.

"Special extra! All 'bout th' parade axidunt!" he yelled.

"Get me a paper," Vivian requested.

"Here, kid!" Forsyth yelled, but when he handed the sheet to her, his cheeks burned.

In headlines four inches high was the announcement:

"RESCUES CHILD IN PARADE."

Then followed:

"Lieutenant Elmer Forsyth by his cool foresight rescued Alethea Wheaton from being crushed to death under the hoofs of the horse he was riding. The child had run from her mother's side to pick up a lily which had dropped from the 'Peace' float."

Before he knew it, he was upon the child. Lieutenant Forsyth snatched up the babe and saved her from injury though Mrs. Wheaton, the child's mother, who was knocked down in making a dash for the child, was rushed to the Emergency Hospital Tent where it was later said she was not seriously hurt.

Lieutenant Forsyth was decorated for bravery. His home is on the North Shore and he is connected with the Spread Eagle Automobile Company. He is a member of many of our exclusive and prominent clubs."

It doesn't take much to make a Chicago reporter make a mountain out of a mole-hill, does it?" he queried, just a little embarrassed.

Vivian smiled. "It is their living, and makes interesting reading for the public, although it is rather embarrassing to the participants."

The newspaper story, however, was proof enough of the social standing of Alethea's rescuer, so Vivian allowed herself to enter the luxurious Spread-Eagle car, and soon it was nosing its way through the dense crowds that spread over street and sidewalk for the parade was now over and citizens, soldiers, Boy Scouts and everybody mixed in one great jam as they made for suburban train, "L" train or street car to take them to their homes.

Forsyth had a way of getting through the crowds and soon the jam began to thin out, the machine increased in speed until they were fairly flying toward the suburb in which Vivian and Alethea lived.

The bungalow reached, Forsyth helped them down, and followed Vivian and Alethea to the porch where he lingered while she unlocked the door.

"Is there anything that I could do for you before I go?" he asked. "And here is my card in case anything serious should develop from today's accident."

She accepted the card, but he still lingered, and his desire to remain was so pronounced that Vivian, with a good-humored little smile, asked if he'd like to stay and have a cup of tea.

"Why—" he started to accept with alacrity, then evidently not wishing to seem too anxious, he said: "If it won't be too much trouble, I would indeed."

"None at all," Vivian replied, "and as the evening is so lovely, shall we have it out on the porch?"

"That will be nice," he agreed, and seated himself in the porch swing with Alethea, while Vivian went into the house.

Presently she brought out a little card-table which she set up, and then handed him a book of snap-shots.

"Perhaps these may interest you. They are pictures my husband took in France. It was my pleasure to mount, date and title them according to the notations he made on the backs of them. This is Mr. Wheaton."

Forsyth looked at the handsome young face. He shook his head. "No, I didn't know him, but he looks like a very nice lad."

Vivian with a little nod left them and Forsyth turned the pages.

"That's my Daddy," Alethea ventured, at each appearance of Fred in the pictures, "he's in heaven."

Unconsciously the child snuggled to Forsyth and looked at the pictures with him.

"Do Daddies ever come from heaven?" she queried suddenly.

Forsyth looked compassionately upon her. "No, dear," he said slowly, "Daddies don't ever come from heaven. But you'll see him when you go to the grave."

"That will be a long time before I go, won't it?" she queried.

"For your mother's sake, dear child, I hope it will be a very, very long time," and he placed a

gentle hand upon her head.

Vivian, bringing some of the tea things, glimpsed the tender little action.

A sudden emotion seized her, a yearning toward the man who, only that morning, she had not known existed. It horrified her, for she knew that sudden yearning—she knew what it was! She knew!

Her heart was responding to the man who so tenderly regarded her child. It was vile, monstrous! Disloyal!

Crushing down the wild impulse, she fled to the kitchen where she remained until she had her emotions in control and the high color from her cheeks, and finally she became calm enough to do her duties as hostess.

Yet, while she would not admit it, there was something very sweet in having Forsyth sitting there; he looked so strong and reliable, just the kind of man one would want to hide behind in trouble, knowing full well that that broad breast would be given to receive all bullets that might come. That it had defied the foe was mutely attested by the several decorations it bore.

They chatted of the war, naturally, for it was a topic they had in common. Vivian told of Fred's experiences as she knew them through his letters, while Forsyth related his, making light of his own bravery that gave truth to his colorful tales.

At length it was getting dark, even the daylight saving time that held sway in Chicago was being slowly but surely defeated by the oncoming night. Still Forsyth lingered until realizing that perhaps for a perfect stranger he was overstaying the bounds of propriety, he rose with an almost regretful sigh.

"I have had a very pleasant afternoon and evening," he said. "I wonder if you will allow me to call again?"

Vivian hesitated; desire made her want to extend the invitation, yet loyalty to Fred held her back.

"If you'd rather not—" Forsyth began regretfully. "Perhaps I am disturbing tender memories—" "She looked at him, a bit startled. Was he reading her mind so well?"

"It isn't that—" she faltered. "I should like to have you call again but—" "I am all alone," she murmured.

"And fear what your neighbors may say, perhaps? But surely if my calling is not objectionable to you, you are entitled to some company. It is hardly fair to expect you to shut yourself up like a nun and remain apart from the world. It would be such a pleasure for me to call. Won't you let me?"

She wanted to, ah, she wanted to, and the spell that uniform casts was upon her. Possibly if she saw him in civilian clothes the glamour would be gone and her loyalty to Fred which had been so rudely shaken would regain its equilibrium.

"If it will please you, you may," she said. "Thank you. Good night," and he went down the dark path, while Vivian gathered Alethea in her arms, and sat in the porch swing, listening. She heard him slam the car door, then the buzz of the self-starter on the machine, then the whirr as he raced the engine a moment—and he was gone.

Gone, she ran to her shrine, Fred's picture. But a sudden realization came to her. The realization that the hurt which he so tenderly cherished is completely healed, the pain gone and only the scar left.

It shocked her to find how completely it was healed. Had her love been a myth? No, she had loved him truly and had he returned all would have been well, but Nature is stronger than will sometimes and the desire for human companionship which had been slowly growing was demanding a hearing now!

She wanted someone—she wanted companionship—she wanted someone!

"Oh, Fred, why were you taken from me?" But all her caressing of Alethea would not down her desire to see Lieutenant Forsyth again, and when he came again in response to her invitation, Vivian found, with something like despair, that it had not been the uniform but an actual love that had sprung up in her heart and all because of his kindness to little Alethea.

He called again, and yet again Vivian knew that he loved her; but had she the right to chance Alethea's happiness by giving her a stepfather? The need for a decision came. One of those glorious summer evenings when love demands its own. And Forsyth whispered the words, simply, manly, with a compelling earnestness that booked no refusal, compelling when they were whispered to a heart that wanted to accept.

Still: "I don't know, oh, I don't know," she said. "Why don't you know?" he questioned kindly. "You love me, don't you?"

"Yes, but Alethea—" "I love her as my own, but will you let her decide?"

Vivian nodded. He called Alethea to him. "Listen, Alethea dear, would you like to have two Daddies?"

"Two Daddies?" she queried, puzzled. "Yes, dear. One here and one in heaven?"

"Who'll be my Daddy here? You?" "Would you like to have me?"

"Oh, yes. 'Cause I like soldier Daddies." "There, Vivian, dear," Forsyth said. "Are you satisfied?"

The years proved that Alethea's choice of a new Daddy had been well made.

"A Little Culture"

By Hilda Koppel

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"MAMMY, it's the only thing I know how to do," declared Suzanne Lewis.

"Ah ain' gwine hab mah chile learnin' no po' W'ite trash manners," said Mammy.

"But, Mammy, when you're an orphan and your guardian elopes with your money and you have to do something, and you've never been trained, and—"

"Honey, W'at yo' nice frien's gwine thunk 'bout yo'?"

"I have to earn money. Noy listen, Mammy—"

And Suzanne proceeded to unfold her plan. She would pawn some jewelry and rent a "studio" and then advertise for persons desiring to attain "polish." Mammy would be chaperone. But no glowing words could move Mammy, and in desperation the girl sent for Pat Blair, one of her "nice friends."

"Nope. It won't do," he said, "marry me instead." Being finally convinced that Suzanne was obdurate, he agreed to help and rented a "studio" which had once been a saloon, and was cheap and well located. The next day the papers had the following advertisement:

"DO YOU EVER WISH YOU HAD NO HANDS AND FEET?"

"Are you ever tongue-tied?" "Do you prefer to eat alone?"

"Don't you want to learn to appreciate your hands and feet?"

"Don't you want to know how to greet the President?"

"Don't you want to know how to dine with potentates?"

"Apply 224 Elm Street."

"ALL BRANCHES OF ETIQUETTE TAUGHT."

"My Gawd! Lamp this ad," and pretty Eudora Payne handed Mrs. Caesar Roach the paper.

"Boys, listen," commanded stout Mrs. Roach, and she read aloud the unusual advertisement.

Jupiter Jones, a pleasant-appearing young man, and Oliver Kilmansegg, sterner and middle-aged, listened and became enthusiastic.

After a short discussion, "That's what we want," Kilmansegg said, "a little culture. Get your lids on and let's beat it to this joint pronto."

Suzanne received the party graciously, but Mammy was openly suspicious.

"We will pay well," Kilmansegg stated, "to acquire polish."

"We want to go with the best people," and Mrs. Roach smiled.

"You teach us, introduce us in society," Kilmansegg began.

Jupiter interrupted: "However, we must insist that you take no other—er—pupils for the present."

"We will pay well," insisted Kilmansegg. "Business, this must have agreement signed."

He produced an agreement which they all signed, whereby Suzanne gave each one an after-

noon a week, in return for a goodly sum and took no other pupils.

The officer on the beat, one Finnegan, grew suspicious when he saw the same persons, always well dressed, entering the erstwhile saloon at the same hour on the same days, and he believed he recognized two of them, as old customers of the bar.

The lessons progressed, the pupils improved. Mrs. Caesar Roach now managed a train exquisitely; Eudora's use of slang had been curtailed; Jupiter made a lovely bow, and Kilmansegg used his hands and feet as if they were his own.

The pupils now thought they were ready to be "introduced," so Suzanne asked the long-suffering Pat to invite them to a house party.

Who knows? Perhaps the moon got in some good work. Kilmansegg became smitten of a wealthy widow, a Mrs. Stewart, much to Mrs. Roach's disgust. Pat, brought to a sudden realization of Eudora's charms, succeeded in making Suzanne jealous. Out of pique the girl encouraged the admiring Jupiter.

During the evening Mrs. Stewart hysterically declared that her pearls were missing. There was great excitement and Pat with Jupiter's assistance instituted a vain search. The next morning the jewelry of several other guests had disappeared, Mrs. Roach asserting she had lost much of value.

"I must notify the police," Pat said. "My dear fellow, consider the unpleasant publicity," was Kilmansegg's objection.

"How awful!" breathed Mrs. Roach. "I would rather lose my jewels than get into the vulgar newspapers."

Suzanne said nothing. "I don't like to say anything," Eudora began, "but I saw one of the maids snooping around and acting suspiciously."

Mrs. Roach said she had noticed the maid's actions also.

Despite protestations, Pat sent for a detective. Suzanne's pupils were openly skeptical of his prowess, and laughed unpleasantly when his search proved a vain one.

"I am disgusted with this culture stuff," Jupiter said, one afternoon several weeks later, "let's give it up."

Eudora laughed. "Jupiter's soft on Miss Lewis." "I never regretted what I am until I knew Miss Lewis," he declared seriously.

Eudora snickered and the others smiled. After a lengthy discussion Jupiter persuaded them to his way of thinking.

"Mammy," Suzanne said, "my pupils are leaving tomorrow and in appreciation of my good work they are giving a little farewell dinner at the studio. They want Pat, too."

Mammy spoke scornfully: "Ah, cain' nohow see how-come yo' didn' marry wif' Massa Pat 'stid ob ainin' fo'—"

"Oh!" and Suzanne patted the old negress' shoulder affectionately. "I've made loads of money."

"Ah! gwine tol' Massa Pat to mak' yo' all marry wif' him immetit."

"But, I don't want to. He's so usual. You know exactly what he's going to do and say."

The studio presented a festive appearance for the dinner but Mammy served with ill grace the "po' wite trash." The dinner progressed smoothly with each pupil a pride to the teacher. They had reached the demi-tasse stage when the door opened and Patrolman Finnegan entered, followed by a squad of other bluecoats. Finnegan advanced a little and then stopped short, apparently disconcerted. Instead of the gambling and drinking he had expected, he found a peaceful dinner party, but Suzanne's guests, unaware of the reason for his entrance, began to fidget uneasily.

It seemed to Kilmansegg that Finnegan's eye never left him, and finally, in sheer nervousness, he jumped from his chair and said, "I admit it, and I'll turn state's evidence if you do your best."

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Love Will Find the Way

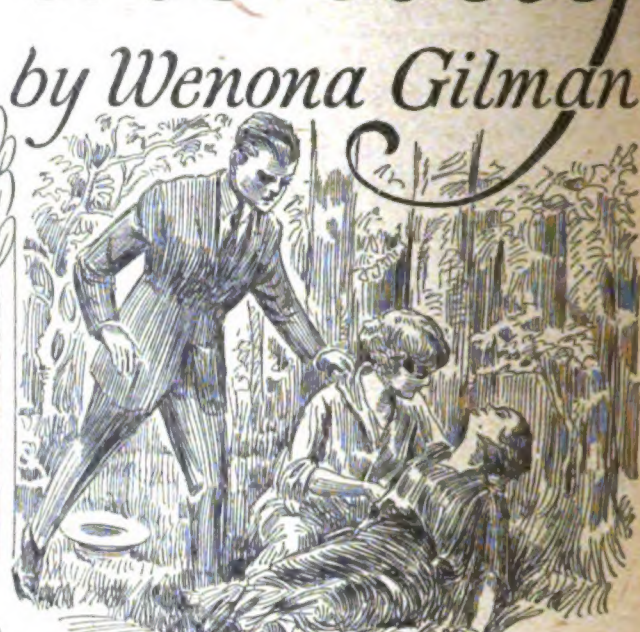
by Wenona Gilman



He took off his old cap to her.



Mrs. King smiled in return. She did not release the hand that had been extended to her.



"What is it? she asked, 'Are you ill?'"

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Junius Beckwith, a Westpointer, Anne Gordon, wealthy, Marian Reade, companion, friend and protégée of Anne Gordon, occupy a box at the Metropolitan Opera House. The curtain falls and Beckwith admits that "Lucia di Lammermoore" has a depressing influence upon him and he cannot think of insanity without repulsion, no matter what the cause may be, and a marriage with either tainted, should be made a crime punishable by law. The next morning, in Marian's birthday and deciding to go home, Anne Gordon, with a premonition that she ought to stay, exacts a promise, if any trouble comes, Marian will let her know first. Marian walks away and turning the corner meets June Beckwith and they go to the park. Remembering it is her birthday, he offers his love as a gift and asks her to be his wife. Happy in her love for June, Marian reaches home. Janet Reade, her grandmother, tells her that her mother is not dead but the inmate of a madhouse. What can she say to June? Hearing a voice, she answers to her father's call. He gives her a curious Venetian ring for a birthday gift, and questioning him where he got it he evades the answer and queries what Anne Gordon gives her. Showing the watch, her father berates Marian's friend. She might have given one thousand dollars, which he needs and will have. Marian, under the horror of all she hears, forgets all her grandmother told her, even forgets June Beckwith. Later in the night, recalling her promise to Anne Gordon, she goes to her home. A light flashed from a window opposite shows a rope hung from Anne Gordon's window, and in the window her father's face. Reaching home, Marian meets her father, tells him where he has been, and for no honest purpose, and demands that he return all he has stolen. He refuses, and only after her earnest pleading does he ask what she will do for him. Little dreaming the price she must pay, she asks for nothing but to serve him and she seals the promise upon her mother's Bible. Left alone, Paul Reade decides to keep one ring. Marian writes June she does not love him and that her soul is withered as much as the flower she encloses. Her father assures her he has obtained a position in the brokerage business and rented a house down town. June is stunned upon receiving Marian's letter and well-comes his friend, Fred Underwood, who tells him Paul Reade is a most unscrupulous villain and the house he has rented is a decoy for gamblers, that Marian is not as innocent as she appears. June cannot believe it, and Underwood will prove it to him if he cares to go. June calling upon Anne, she tells of Paul Reade's sudden wealth, and June, knowing where it comes from, as a friend, forbids Anne to go to Marian Reade's home. Going to the reception, Underwood requests Paul Reade to introduce Marian. In the meanwhile June appears with a message from Miss Gordon. He invites Marian for a waltz which she ends with Dick Gresham, the most notorious gambler in New York. The evening ended, Marian faces her father and asks who were those people. She receives no satisfaction from his answer—he expects her to receive them with courtesy, she has sworn to obey him. Anne begs Marian to come to her for a home, to divulge the secret that troubles her and she denies she has one. June Beckwith calls upon Anne, who defends Marian and with tears in her eyes pleads Anne before he thinks he does now and she is willing to be his wife. Marian speaks to her father of her mother and what has kept her from Marian all these years. She must see her. Her father refuses and Marian insists. There are those who will help. Paul Reade requests Ezra Morris, whose mother is hopelessly insane and confined in a house built especially for her, to allow Marian to visit her, believing she is her mother. Returning home she cries, "will the inheritance come to Junius Beckwith, and for several days Marian remains in her room. Again mingling with her father's guests, she is introduced to Elliott Dwight, a multi-millionaire who, by his words and manner, arouses Marian's suspicions as to his motives. She demands of her father, and before his guests, to deny that she is an inmate of a gambling house, a decoy by his will for his guests, that it is not as Elliott Dwight says. Her father's silence convinces her it is true and in her anguish Marian leaves the house. She is stopped by Fred Underwood who exacts a promise that she will see him before making a decided change. Her heart sinks. June believes her guilty. Underwood admits he is in a most uncomfortable position. June loves Marian, Anne Gordon loves June and I love Anne Gordon. Janet Reade goes to Anne Gordon; she knows her son is not only a gambler but a thief, and has stolen from Anne, detected by his daughter and innocent of the character of the house Marian leaves as soon as the truth comes to her. Fred Underwood takes Marian to Wildhurst where she meets Mrs. King, to whom she is strongly attracted and who tells her that Wildhurst joins Judson's Asylum. June going to see Anne, she tells him that Marian is innocent of their suspicions, and talking with Underwood, June admits she is not responsible for the sins of her father. Marian, seeking Dr. Judson, asks permission of him to see the lady down by the lake. He refuses and she claims the right—she has seen her—it is her mother. Dr. Judson proves it is impossible; she is the mother of old Ezra Morris and has been confined there thirty years, and the inference is her mother is not dead and is sane.

CHAPTER XXX.

MRS. KING'S INFLUENCE.

MARIAN remained for some time talking with Doctor Judson, though it must be confessed that there was little enough that was new in their conversation. They sent the telegram, and then she told him more of her life, he, in turn, convincing her more thoroughly that it was impossible for the woman in the cottage by the lake to be her mother, and thereby relieving her of perhaps the greatest of the shadows that had rested on her life. "It is my belief that you will find your mother as sane as you are," he said to her, as she stood on the stoop, preparing to return to Wildhurst. "If you care to bring your friend, Underwood, here, do, and we will talk the whole situation

over together, and perhaps I may be able to make some suggestions to him. Since you have confided in me so much, I take it that there will be little that you desire to keep from me. I am afraid you would think that I had absorbed some of the lunacy with which I am surrounded if I were to tell you a crazy thought that has come into my brain."

"Nevertheless, tell me."

"Shall I? And yet it would be best not. It might inspire a hope that, if it should prove untrue, it had best not lived."

"But tell me. I can bear disappointment better than you think."

"Then—has it ever struck you that there might be just the remotest possibility of your not being Paul Reade's child?"

She started. A swift flush rushed to her cheeks and burned there. She fastened her eyes on the doctor's, burning under the added excitement.

"Oh, if it should be!" she whispered.

"There!" he exclaimed briskly. "I have done wrong to arouse that hope. There are many instances where the child is as unlike the parent as you are unlike yours. You may have inherited from your mother. It was only that thought which suggested the other wild one. I have always been told that my fault was in being unable to hold my imagination in check, and I take it that I have not been misinformed. I am quite convinced that my theory about your mother is correct, but the other is merely a foolish flight of the imagination. Good by. Forget, if you can, that I said that, and bring your friend whenever you choose."

She placed her palm in the hand that he had extended without removing her eyes from his. She heaved a sigh, and then smiled bravely.

"You have given me that which was dead in my breast—hope. Even if it all proved an illusion, I shall still thank you, for I am sure that I can never be as I was when I entered here. Nothing can make me like that again. As soon as Mr. Underwood comes, we will come together to see you. Good by, and God bless you!"

She went down the steps, and he watched her as she disappeared among the trees.

"Poor child!" he said, as he turned and re-entered his office. "How she has suffered! I wish she could find that that scoundrel is not her father. What manner of man can he be who would deliberately tell a daughter that that poor old creature down by the lake was her mother? It was a fiendish punishment. I half-believe the wild thought that I suggested to her. I half-believe that he is not her father."

And Marian? Doctor Judson had forbidden her to think of that which he had told her, and yet it never left her thoughts for one moment, as she followed the path through the trees down to the landing by the lake.

As she passed the little picturesque cottage, she paused and looked at it. How different her feelings were from what they had been when she stood there less than two hours before!

"It is not my mother who lies there, chained like a dog," she whispered, smiling through the grateful tears that filled her eyes. "The blood that flows through those poor veins is not the same that throbs within my body. That awful danger is removed from my life, and it seems to me almost as if nothing can matter now. Oh, if what he said should prove true! Oh, if God would but let me acknowledge another parentage than that of sin and shame! Nothing could be worse; any change must be better. I am like him in no way. I have always hated him, though I never dared own it, even to my own heart. I feel that it is true. I feel that Doctor Judson spoke the truth. Paul Reade is not my father. I know it. I know it."

She had reached the landing, and found Jake sitting on the bank, while the little boat rocked idly in the gentle waves of the tiny lake. He looked at her curiously. How differently she looked from what she had done when he rowed her to that bank such a little while before.

Countrymen are reckoned for their goodness of heart, and not for their breeding, and they rarely hesitate to ask a question when one suggests itself. Certainly Jake did not pause to consider that it was none of his business when he said:

"Did you go to see a friend at the asylum, miss?"

"Yes."

"And you found her better than you expected?"

"Much."

"I thought you did."

"What made you think so?" she asked, placing her hand in his that he might assist her to her seat in the boat.

"Because you looked so white and tired, like as if you was worried, when I took you over; and now—well, I never see such a change in a person in all my born days! There is color in your cheeks, and—pon my word, you look ten years younger!"

Marian laughed.

"I see you are a good reader of faces," she said kindly. "You are quite right in fancying that I have had good news. I don't think any one ever heard such good news in all the world as I have!"

"I'm glad of that. You looked so pale and unhappy when I rowed you over that my heart ached for you. It did really. I have been a-sittin' on that bank a-whittlin' and thinking of you ever since I left you there. Say, it wasn't about the old woman in the cottage, was it?"

"She was connected with it," answered Marian evasively. "I thought she might prove to be a relative of mine, but it was not true."

"Great Scott! I should think that would be a

relief to you. Poor old soul! Well, miss, I am here, and if you want to go over again you have only to call on Jake. I live at Wildhurst. You are staying there, too; I saw you on the balcony today."

"Thank you, Jake. I have sent for a friend, and when he comes I shall want you to take us both over. If you are not down here I shall ask for you at Wildhurst."

"Thank you, miss."

He took off his old cap to her. She smiled brightly and tripped away.

How different she was from the girl who had come down that path but a few hours previous! There was a song in her heart now—a song that would bubble through her lips—and she paused once and laughed at her own childishness.

"I am hoping too much," she said to herself. "If it should all prove untrue, I should die!"

But she would not allow herself to believe in the possibility. She laughed again and went onward, and a moment later came in contact with the woman whom she had met before leaving Wildhurst.

"We have been looking everywhere for you!" Mrs. King said. "Dinner is over, and Mr. and Mrs. Presbury have feared that you were lost. They came out to look for you; but I rather fancied I knew where you had gone, and sent them back, telling them that I would do it. You have been to the asylum?"

"Yes. The fact is, I forgot all about dinner and that they would be worried about me. It was very good of you to think of it and not allow them to distress themselves."

"But you are hungry now."

"I believe I am," answered Marian, with a little laugh that sounded new to Mrs. King, "but I would not inconvenience them for the world."

"They never consider anything an inconvenience. They will like to oblige you in any way that is possible. I wonder if you would allow me to go in and sit with you while you eat?"

There was something in the wistful countenance that strangely touched Marian. She had felt the influence of this woman before, but it was upon her now in a greater degree. She felt hope swelling in her heart to such an extent that sadness in any countenance was pitiful to her, but there was something beyond that in this one. She put out her hand and grasped the other almost tenderly.

"Do come!" she exclaimed, with a winning smile. "It will be so good of you. I feel like a naughty child that ought to be punished, and you will save me from it."

Mrs. King smiled in return. She did not release the hand that had been extended to her, but drew it closer within her own.

"You look so much happier than when you left me on the balcony," she said wistfully. "Has the sight of those poor creatures filled you with thanksgiving that you are not of their number?"

Marian hesitated. The woman's influence was still moving her with force. She looked into the gentle face for a moment; then answered:

"It has aroused—hope! Oh, I can't tell you; but that visit has opened a prospect to me that seems like—heaven! Can you understand how a person would think that the greatest good that could happen her in life would be to find herself without the parent that she had considered hers through all the years of her life?"

Mrs. King started. The hand which held Marian's trembled violently. She did not speak at once, and when she did, her voice was hoarse past recognition.

"Yes; I can understand," she answered.

CHAPTER XXXI.

MARIAN FINDS HER MOTHER.

A silence fell upon the two women that neither of them seemed capable of breaking. They stood there under the trees for a moment; then Mrs. King, still holding Marian's hand, led her to the house and into the dining-room.

The dinner which Mrs. Presbury had kept warm for her guest was served—a simple dinner, but of such excellent quality that the greatest connoisseur would have found no fault with it, and for the first time in weeks Marian found herself with an appetite such as she had indulged in happier days.

Mrs. King sat and watched her with a singular smile upon her lips, scarcely understanding her own sensations in presence of the girl whom, but a few hours before, she did not even know.

She thought it was fascination, springing from the girlish presence, an association which it had been long since she had known. She believed it was the sweet, airy, cool and soothing personality of the girl that appealed to her, and her heart beat as it had not done in many weary years as the dear eyes ever and anon rested on hers.

She did not know exactly what Marian was talking about, and it is doubtful if Marian did either; but she chatted on, as does a happy child under the influence of strong excitement.

And how strange it seemed to her to have something of that awful burden lifted! She had not paused to think of it. It was only the radiant glare of hope that was illuminating her life to such brightness that it was almost impossible for her to see mentally. She was blinded and bewildered by the sudden effulgence that had been shed upon her soul, and she wanted to take the whole world into her embrace and make it her confidant, as the baby girl takes the kitten into her de-

lighted arms and tells it of the happiness that has come into the little life.

She was becoming almost hysterical as her meal proceeded, and, observing it, Mrs. King rose and poured out a glass of wine from the decanter upon the buffet.

"Drink that," she said, with some authority; and without questioning, Marion swallowed it.

When she had finished she rose from the table, and again extending her hand to Mrs. King, she exclaimed:

"Come and let us walk, will you not? I feel as if inactivity would suffocate me. I must see a crazy thing to you; but the most extraordinary thing has happened to me, that if it should prove true, I should be the happiest girl in the whole world. Perhaps I may tell you what it is some time, if you care to listen."

Mrs. King took the hand, and leaning forward kissed the fair young cheek.

"If you knew how much good it does me to see some one happy, to have some fair young thing about me so full of life and hope as you are, you would not think it necessary to find excuses," she said, with tears standing in her wistful eyes. "Why, child, it has been years and years since I have seen the shadow of a smile upon any face. It has been years and years since I have held a human hand in mine. My lips have forgotten how to kiss."

"I believed my heart had forgotten how to love, and yet, not having known you a day, I already love you. A little week ago I had believed that life and hope were alike dead to me, and yet in those few short days all have been born again. I can understand your excitement, for the same miracle that has been worked for you has been worked for me, only that I am old, and the enthusiasm of youth has burned out. Perhaps when you tell me the story that has made you so happy today, I shall tell you the one of my life, and we may give each other the sympathy that both are craving."

They kissed each other, those two women who had suffered so much, the one in so short a time and the other during long years of silent torture, and went out into the hall.

It was growing rather late in the afternoon, and there were long stretches of shadow made by the trees in the park.

"It is the loveliest hour of the day," Marian said, as she drew her new friend toward the open door. "Come, let us enjoy it."

They were about to pass out, when Marian saw some one entering. It was a man, and recognizing Underwood, she sprang forward and caught his hand.

"Have you received my telegram so soon?" she asked eagerly. "Oh, it was good of you to come. It was like you to lose no time."

"Telegram!" he repeated. "What telegram?"

"You did not get it, then?"

"No. I have received no message from you. I came because there was that which I had to say which could not be written? Has something happened? You look as if heaven had opened for you."

"And I think it has. Allow me to introduce you to a new friend, Mrs. King. You will excuse us for a few minutes, will you not, Mrs. King?"

The elder woman bowed and pressed the fingers which were extended to her, then she left them. Marian again turned to Underwood.

"Come out into the park, under the trees," she exclaimed, unable to control the joy in her voice. "Somehow I feel as if my soul could not bear the confinement of rooms. You have been so good to me that perhaps I am presuming too much in thinking that you will rejoice with me in this, and help me to prove that it is all true; but I can't believe it. You know it is human nature to expect more from those who have already given."

She laughed as the words left her lips, a sweet, ringing laugh, and Underwood looked down upon her, surprised at the increase in her beauty, delighted with the dainty ringing sound that he had never heard before.

He drew her hand through his arm with a protecting gesture, and led her out to a rustic seat beneath a tree where they would be unobserved. They were surrounded by shrubbery, half-enclosed in one of Nature's own domiciles.

"Why, you are quite excited," he said gently to her. "Something most extraordinary must have occurred. Now tell me what it is. You know that you can depend upon me."

She sat down and looked up at him.

"Yes, I feel that in every corner of my heart," she answered with filling eyes. "I want to try to be consecutive if I can, and in order to do that, I must begin back and tell you of everything that has occurred before. This morning it would have been impossible to me; but now, with this sweet hope that has been born in my soul, I can do it without a shadow of hesitation. If, in my excitement, I grow incoherent, don't fail to stop me, and don't hesitate in asking any question that you may desire."

But he interrupted her very little as she told the story from beginning to end. He let her tell it in her own way; but as she proceeded he took her hand in his to give her strength and courage to continue. She, understanding, answered him with a smile.

"And Doctor Judson, you tell me, is quite sure that it is impossible for your father not to have assumed the name of Morris in going there?" he asked, when she paused in the recital.

"Quite certain. He knows the address of Mrs.

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DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:
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I am an American, single, and was born in Woodbridge twenty-seven years ago last October. I have dark brown hair, dark blue eyes and medium complexion. I am five feet three inches and weigh about 120 pounds.

In my spare time I love to read and study. Since graduating I have bought and studied a great many post-graduate books. I have my special hobby outside of my beloved work. Can I tell all of you about it and perhaps get you interested in my behalf? In fact I would give a very great deal to get every COMFORT reader interested in this desire of mine. Since 1917 I have been collecting pictures of the World War. Today I have about 1,000—all told—pictures that are wonderful and of course most interesting. They include soldiers of every rank of every country involved in the war, and of every action in connection with the war.

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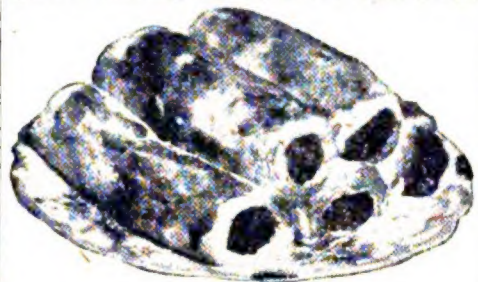
LEFT-OVER recipes are always good and you will particularly like the meat rolls that are illustrated in this column, together with recipe. And to sort of "tone up" the humble left-overs are rhubarb and spring greens recipes that have a toning-up effect on the system and are better tonics than can be bought at drug stores, besides being much more pleasant to "take." Different ways of preparing the greens in your locality would be helpful for there are many people who do not know that the most common kind of weeds, when properly prepared, are edible and delicious. Won't you send in your favorite recipe?—Ed.

A GOOD SUPPER DISH.—One-half pound macaroni, cook in boiling, salted water until soft. Put layer in buttered baking dish, cover with layer of meat, one-half pound of this, either fresh or left-over, over this sprinkle a little grated cheese, repeat until ingredients are used up, and over all pour one can of tomato soup. Sprinkle thick layer of bread- or cracker-crumbs over top and cook one-half hour in moderate oven.—Mrs. M. Dresden, Maine.

LEFT-OVER MEAT AND MASHED POTATOES.—Cover the bottom of a greased baking dish with hot mashed potatoes, add a thick layer of pieces of roast beef cut in small pieces, season well with salt, pepper and a little onion juice, and moisten with some of the gravy left over from the hot roast, and cover with a thin layer of mashed potatoes. Bake in a hot oven until well heated and the top is a good brown color.

MEAT SOUFFLE.—This can be made of any left-over meat, or even two kinds of meat, to make one cupful when finely chopped. Make a sauce of one cup of hot milk thickened with one tablespoon of flour, one tablespoon of butter and seasoned with salt and pepper. To this add the chopped meat, and one-quarter cup bread-crumbs. Remove from fire, let cool a little, add beaten yolk of one egg and then the stiffly-beaten whites of two eggs. Put into buttered baking dish and bake half an hour in moderate oven. Serve as soon as cooked before it has time to cool.—Mrs. C. Augusta, Maine.

MEAT ROLLS.—Sift together two cups of sifted flour, three-fourths teaspoon of salt, and two teaspoons of baking powder. Work into this two rounding tablespoons of shortening until the mixture is like a meal.



MEAT ROLLS.

As flour varies, it is difficult to give the exact amount of liquid, but it will require from two-thirds to three-fourths of a cup of cold milk, or mixed milk and water may be used. Add the liquid gradually and distribute it evenly while mixing that no portion of the flour may become over-wet. Turn the dough out onto a slightly floured board and very lightly form into a ball without kneading. Roll one-third of an inch thick, cut into five-inch squares and brush with melted butter. Have ready a meat mixture made as follows: Put a beefsteak cut through the food chopper, add a grating of onion, salt and pepper, and lightly fry in a little beef fat previously tried out, tossing continuously while cooking. Cook about the same as hamburger steak, then cool. Make into small rolls, and wrap with the squares of dough, buttered side next to the meat. Place well apart on a shallow tin and bake in a hot oven until a golden brown. This is an excellent way to use left-overs of meat and fish but care must be taken not to make the mixture too wet.

RHUBARB MARMALADE.—Boil slowly until thick two quarts rhubarb, cut into small pieces, six cups of sugar and the rind and pulp of half a dozen large oranges.

MEAT TURNERS.—Chop the meat. If the quantity on hand is small, mix with it left-over potato or rice. Season with salt, pepper, onion, etc. Place filling on circular pieces of biscuit dough about the size of a saucer. Fold over the dough and crimp edges together. Bake for about one-half hour in a hot oven. A brown sauce made from two tablespoons flour

For the country mother I have a few words to say. You who live at a great distance from a doctor often find yourself in a terrifying situation with a young child in convulsions on your hands. Many diseases which start in an adult with a chill, commence in children with convulsions. Among these diseases are scarlet fever, measles, smallpox and pneumonia. Convulsions, however, most frequently occur from irritation of some portion of the intestinal tract, as in teething, intestinal worms, and indigestible articles of diet. A possible attack of convulsions is preceded by restlessness, sleep for a day or two, the eyes being partly open, with more or less grating of the teeth, and sudden starting when touched as if very frightened. The child is cross and changes color often. Convulsions are more liable to appear in that period to and during the cutting of the first teeth. A long-drawn, deep breath indicates the termination of the spasm. The sheet every half hour for a couple of hours. Some time after this, he will not be as likely to have a return, as if the sleep is broken, accompanied by twitching of the limbs.

This is a condition that the mother can treat until she can get the doctor. The first thing to do is to give an emetic to which has been added a little salt or vinegar. While this is being done, some water should be made hot, and a soft cotton bed sheet wrung from it, carefully wrapped around the child's whole body, and outside of this wrap a warm woolen blanket. Be very careful lest the water be too hot and seriously burn the child's tender skin; first test the water by holding your elbow in it—the elbow is very sensitive to heat and therefore is a good temperature tester. Apply chilled ice or cloths wrung out of ice water, to the head; and plain mustard drafts to the nape of the neck and the calves of the legs. If the bowels do not move in a little time, repeat the emetic. Continue the cold to the head and change the sheet every half hour for a couple of hours (careful the water is not hot enough to burn the skin), then wipe the skin dry and put on dry warmed clothing. In the meantime get in touch with your doctor who will prescribe the medicine needed.

I would like to hear from every reader of the COMFORT Family—sisters, brothers and cousins.

Sincerely yours,

MISS CATHERINE M. JACKSON.

Miss Jackson.—It has always been the aim of the owner, editor, and everyone connected with COMFORT, to make it just what you so kindly say it means to you. I do wish you'd give us more valuable information along the lines of your work. It would mean so much, maybe the saving of a life, to those who live a long distance from a doctor. I hope you get hundreds of pictures.—Ed.

BUNNELL, FLA.

DEAR SISTERS AND MRS. W:
I am going to put my letter in a very bright en-

browned in two tablespoons of butter or other fat, to which a cup of water or stock and one-half teaspoon of salt is added, may be served with turnovers.—Mrs. C. L. Millinocket, Maine.

POTATO SCALLOP.—In a greased baking dish arrange alternate layers of cold sliced potatoes, probably three or four cupsful, cold boiled onions, a little finely-chopped green and red peppers, one-half of each. Season with salt and pepper, add enough milk to cover potatoes and cook one hour. This is a good way to use up left-over onions and potatoes.

CREAMED SPINACH.—Make a plain milk gravy of one cup of milk thickened with a little flour, and salt and pepper to taste, one heaping tablespoon of butter and a very little sugar. To this add one quart of cooked spinach, and just before serving put slices of hard-boiled egg over top of spinach.

ALBERT CAKES.—Line tins with plain pastry rolled very thin. Into each put one tablespoon of jelly or thick jam. Fill each tin two-thirds full of cake mix-



ALBERT CAKES.

ture, cross the top with two very thin even strips of pastry and bake in a moderately hot oven until they shrink from the tins.

DANDELIONS.—Wash thoroughly, remove roots, and cook until tender in boiling salted water. Allow two quarts of water to one peck of dandelions. Season with butter, salt and pepper to taste.—Mrs. L. E. H., New Hampshire.

RHUBARB AND ORANGE DESSERT.—Two pounds of rhubarb, two oranges, one and three-quarters cup of sugar, one cup chopped nuts, and one tablespoon gelatine. Peel the oranges and cut into small pieces and mix with the rhubarb that has been cut into small pieces, cover with sugar and bake until rhubarb is tender; dissolve the gelatine in a little water, stir into rhubarb and orange mixture, add the chopped nuts and pour into moulds. Let stand until cold and hardened. Serve with whipped cream.

RHUBARB TAPIoca PUDDING.—Two-thirds cup tapioca, one and one-quarter cup boiling water, three cups rhubarb, one and one-half cup sugar, two-thirds teaspoon salt. Unless minute tapioca is used, which requires but little cooking, soak the tapioca several hours. Drain, put in double boiler, add boiling water and cook until tapioca has absorbed the water. Peel rhubarb, cut in small pieces, add to tapioca with sugar and cook until soft. Serve with cream and sugar.—Mrs. L. E. H., Manchester, N. H.

BAKED RHUBARB.—Wash rhubarb, peel, cut into small pieces; slice three bananas and arrange layers of rhubarb and bananas in buttered baking dish, covering each layer with sugar, until probably three cups of sugar are used. Dot each layer of rhubarb with small pieces of butter. Cover and bake in slow oven two hours.—E. H. B., Maine.

RHUBARB PIE.—One and one-half pints of rhubarb, two cups of sugar, butter size of egg, three crackers rolled fine, and one egg well beaten. Stir all together and put into pie crust. Raisins or slices of bananas added to this are very good.

CREAM CAKES.—To one cup of hot water, add one half cup of butter or butter substitute, and half a teaspoon of salt. Bring to a boil and then add one

and one-half cups of pastry flour and stir well for fully five minutes. When the mixture is nearly cold, add five eggs, one at a time, without beating. After the last egg is added, stir hard that the eggs may be thoroughly incorporated. Drop in rounding teaspoonfuls on a buttered tin, some distance apart, and bake twenty-five minutes, or until well puffed and brown.

FILLING.—Bring two cups of milk to a boil and thicken with two tablespoons of corn-starch wet with a little cold milk. Cook slowly ten minutes. Beat two eggs until light, add two-thirds of a cup of sugar, and one teaspoon of butter. Pour milk into egg mixture, return to kettle and cook five minutes. Flavor when cold. Split cakes and fill.

CAKE MIXTURE.—Cream together half a cup each sugar and strained honey and one heaping tablespoon of butter. Add one well-beaten egg, a grating of nutmeg and one cup of flour sifted with one rounding teaspoon of baking powder.

velope so Mrs. W. will be sure to see it and let me into the Sisters' Corner. I come with a request. Do any of the sisters know where I can get the book, "Nannook Igelow" or, "Life in the White Bear's Den"?

I have read COMFORT since I was a very little girl and Mother and I nearly scrap over it when I get it out of the post office. I come down the street reading and sometimes I bump into people. Are you shocked at my street manners? Well, you needn't be for if I don't look at it on the street I won't get it for hours after I get home for Mother reads slowly and makes a good thing last longer but I just simply devour it!

When I was about seven years old I wrote a letter to COMFORT and told you all how to make a pie. I told Mother to be sure and mail it but that letter went where my letters to Santa Claus went—in her box of keepsakes. How indignant I was when I discovered it!

I am five feet, eight inches tall, weigh 104 pounds, and have dark brown hair and eyes. I am seventeen years old and was married the 11th of last January.

I'll sign my real name and not as some do, a nom de plume.

MRS. N. A. HAWKES.

Mrs. Hawkes.—Your mother deserves a scolding for keeping that perfectly good recipe from us. Anyway, you did the best you could.—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND ALL THE COMFORT FAMILY:

I have come all the way up from Penn's Woods to see you and please let me sit over there by "Old Maid" of the January COMFORT. I think she is a near relative of mine, related by experience. I hope if I don't see her that she will write again and tell us of her experiences "Over There." I still have an interest in a piece of French soil, and would like to hear from her.

How many of the sisters ever try pasting a piece of velvet in the heels of slippers to prevent "railroads" in stockings? The velvet keeps the shoe from slipping up and down and saves the wear on the hose. If the sisters care to know, I will if they write me tell them how I cured myself of catarrh in an easy and inexpensive way.

How many of you keep a supply of mustard plaster on hand? A box filled with the ingredients used in making plasters can be kept in the cabinet and is always ready except to add warm water to make a paste. Put flour, mustard and ginger in the proportion required and put away. If the patient is rubbed with a little vaseline before the plaster is placed in position no blisters will form. This saves putting the oil or lard in with the flour, etc., and it will keep an indefinite time. If the plaster "material" is sprinkled on a thick slice of damp bread it will act quicker as the bread keeps the heat in.

Now may I ask for some suggestions? Will someone tell me how to care for hyacinths? I have never tried to raise them before but I like them so well I am going to attempt them this year.

Why don't the sisters tell us something about themselves beside their height, etc., for instance:—favorite flower, color, books, and any hobby they may have.

I like shades of brown, and green and gold. My choice of all flowers is the "sweet-brier rose," the dearest, loveliest flower that grows. And if I have a hobby at all it is amateur photography. Anyone want to exchange pictures?

Sisters, I love you all, so look for your letters anxiously.

Your Pennsylvania Sister,
MISS I. LEVITHA EMLER.

Miss Emler.—You will save yourself much work by sending the catarrh remedy to me to be printed in COMFORT for you'll be sure to get requests for it.—Ed.

LEWISBURG, KY.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:
I come this morning to talk about Christmas presents and it is none too early for the woman of limited time and means to make them. I have read a letter some time ago wherein a sister asked what to give to men in the way of home-made articles.

I find that a crocheted collar box, made with two colors of thread, would be acceptable and a crocheted tie rack is also good. A laundry bag, embroidered with monogram or initial, would be convenient.

I have a large number of friends to remember at Christmas and as my purse is not very fat I always make most of the presents. For the woman I make crocheted collars and buy towels and either tat or embroider an edge on them, and maybe embroider an initial, and I have a very pretty and useful gift. Many are the ways to make pleasant and they are always useful.

For the children I make home-made dogs from a pattern I have. I made one for my little brother of a fleece lined stocking, turned wrong side out and with a little fur on its neck and on the tip of its turned up tail. He looks like a sure-enough poochie. The handwoven, hot dish mats make a very acceptable gift to every housewife.

I am five feet, four inches tall, have dark hair and eyes and weigh 120 pounds. I have been married eight years.

Your Comfort Sister, MABEL JANE.

MISSISSIPPI.

DEAR READERS:
Please Mrs. Wilkinson, let me in. You will get rid of me then.

No use for me to praise our COMFORT for the large number of readers know that it is the best to be had, regardless of cost. There are many higher priced magazines that do not contain half as much as "our" paper.

Through our department I've made some nice pen friends. I'm not going to ask that any of you write to me directly (Mrs. Wilkinson has my address) for while I'd appreciate the letters very much I would not be able to answer all as postage stamps are scarce with me most of the time, to say nothing of the time it would take.

This is the 9th of November and we haven't had a killing frost yet. Just now through this section farmers are busy making molasses from sugar cane. I wish there was room to tell you just how it is done but we haven't the space for the details.

How many of the sisters attend the movies? I go once in a while. I cannot get into town very often then after I do I cannot afford the price of a ticket only at times. I try to see the best plays, as I prefer those that are inspiring and uplifting. There are many shown that are a disgrace to humanity, and are not fit for grownups much less children and young folks. I believe much good could be obtained from good plays.

Here's a topic worthy of discussion, I think. Why the double standard? One for man, another for woman? I've heard men and women condemn others when deep down in their hearts they weren't half so good as their tongue's target. God has on one standard and all must measure up to it. No woman ever fell so low but what some man fell also, but the man can go on and he is called Mr. So-and-so, while the poor girl or woman, sometimes with a babe in arms, is cast out and shunned.

I hope August Trick reads our corner. I think you are a nice fellow. I'm most thirty years old, and curl my hair, use cream and powder on my face, but Nature has provided me with rouge, and most men powder their faces. When I hear people condemn a girl because she powders her face wonder to myself if they have a doctor or a lawyer. My hubby spends more in one week for tobacco than powder would cost me in a year's time. Powder doesn't smell as badly as tobacco nor is it injurious to one's health.

Good by to everyone.

WELL WISHER.

TENNESSEE.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:
I have read COMFORT many years and now come to the sisters for advice as I am greatly troubled and worried. My boy has gone wrong with a young girl and thinks he will have to marry her as she is under age and so is he. This is what I want to ask. Should I treat her as one of the family or scorn her? I never let anything do with her. Now what is the way for a mother to treat that kind of a girl? She has always been a nice girl and well thought of up to this time. I don't know whether the boy cares enough about her to marry her and live with her or not, for he won't say.

I will be thankful for any advice from the sisters. Will leave my address with Mrs. Wilkinson.

A WORRIED MOTHER.

Worried Mother.—It seems that a mother should treat "that kind of a girl" just as she would treat "that kind of a boy" and if you scorn her and never have anything to do with her, as you suggest, you should use your son the same way.—Ed.

KOSKUTH, Miss.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:
Will you allow another farm woman to chat with you a while? I will write about flowers as they are my heart's delight. I love flowers of all kinds and potted plants are my choice. I had over three hundred potted plants last year and fifty of that number were coleus, the briercrest and sunset shade, or rainbow coleus as some call them. I had some fine ones, with some leaves as large as dinner plates. I grew them in rich soil with plenty of water and sunlight as they do not thrive in shady places. I made my porch boxes all around the porch and filled them with good rich soil, one-third good garden loam, one-third leaf mold or chip dirt and one-third sand. I planted geraniums very close together and bordered the boxes, every inch apart, with Wandering Jew (four kinds), a trailing coleus and sleeping sea moss, which grows several feet long and resembles the finest ferns. Its fronds are as long as the fern's and resemble the fern's fronds. It is claimed to be the same plant that was used to plait the crown that was placed on the Saviour's head when crucified and it is just like the pictures shown in the Bible.

I have the blue, white, pink and blood red hydrangeas. They are so pretty with their red heads of flowers, some of them larger than gallon buckets. To be successful with them, give them a large pot and good rich soil.

I want a coconut tree and shall try to find one, also a pineapple. If some of the sisters can tell me where to get them I would be very glad. I am trying to get one tropical plant of each kind of fruit that grows as it helps to educate my children (Mildred, fourteen, and Elsie, eleven). I have banana trees, also oranges and lemons and children from several miles around come to see my banana trees. I've heard them say: "I used to read about banana trees but never thought I would ever see one."

I have a plant house, 15x24 feet, to keep all my plants in, and an oil heater to use in very cool weather. Every farm should have a plant house as it

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Stella Roosevelt

by Mrs. Georgie Sheldon



"You are just as fine as can be,"
Star said delightedly.



"You said that on your eighteenth
birthday I might reveal a secret."



Star did not object, for she
was indeed exceedingly tired

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

A terrible storm at sea and from a steamer running between Liverpool and New York is Stella Roosevelt Gladstone, an orphan, on her way to distant relatives in New York. She is befriended by Jacob Roosevelt, who is startled when he learns her mother called her "Star," her grandmother giving her the name. A fire breaks out and the boats are rapidly filled. Stella refuses to go unless room is made for Mr. Roosevelt, who the next day suffers from an ill turn and is carefully nursed by her. The sixth day they are rescued. Mr. Roosevelt is told of the care Stella gave him during his illness and while thanking her a young man approaches and Mr. Roosevelt introduces Archibald Sherbrooke, whose home is in Derbyshire where Star's father preached. Star's shawl becomes loosened and not finding the pin, Mr. Sherbrooke draws one, an exquisitely carved stone, from his pocket, and Stella pins the shawl and then tells the story of the wreck and her endeavor to save Mr. Roosevelt's life. Arriving in New York, Mr. Sherbrooke places a card in her hand with his address upon it. Stella, remembering the pin, passes it to him. He begs her to keep it as a souvenir. Wishing she had something to give, he will accept a lock of her hair. Stella is met by Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. Richards' housekeeper, who hurries her away. Stella receives a cool reception from her aunt, who had written she would befriend and educate Stella until able to care for herself, and learns she is to be degraded to the level of a common servant. She asks her aunt if her father, from what she wrote him, had any idea she was to come into the family as a servant. Mrs. Richards does not relent, and Stella appeals to Mr. Richards, giving him the letter written by her father to Mrs. Richards and her reply. Stella has one hundred pounds. Could she not use it and then teach, relieving his wife of all responsibility? Mrs. Richards is surprised at Stella's suggestion and Mr. Richards makes arrangements for her to attend a select school, she giving a part of each day to household work. Stella wins, at commencement, a part in the class exercises and surprises Mr. Richards by her instrumental music, essay and promotion to the senior class. Josephine, admiring the cameo worn by Stella suggests she give it to her, as her wardrobe does not correspond with it. Stella takes it and discovers the initials "A. S." Stella misses the cameo and is suspicious who has it. In the meanwhile Mr. Richards receives a letter from Mrs. Richards' Uncle Jacob. He has lost all, is penniless and will accept the home that was offered him when rich. Mrs. Richards refuses to receive him, the house is full, and Mr. Richards is left troubled. Upon his arrival he is taken to the Lodge to sleep. Mr. Roosevelt meets Star who offers her room to him and does all she can to brighten his life. Mrs. Richards receives him coldly, and Josephine ignores her uncle. Mrs. Richards and Josephine go to Long Branch where they meet Lord Carroll, of Carrollton, Derbyshire, England, who appears pleased with Josephine and requests permission of her mother to call. Noticing a ring Josephine wears and examining it he sees the initials "A. S." Josephine claims it is given by a relative. Lord Carroll cannot understand it. The next day he leaves for New York. Stella, hurrying to take a train for home, and in danger, is stopped by Archibald Sherbrooke and the acquaintance renewed. Stella tells him that she and Mr. Roosevelt are in the same home. Mr. Roosevelt goes to New York with Stella to call upon Mr. Sherbrooke in his studio and arranges a pleasure trip for them to Coney Island for the following day. When they return from it Stella is the promised wife of Archibald Sherbrooke. Lord Carroll, of Carrollton, thought to be Josephine's betrothed, is expected. Stella sees in him her promised husband, Archibald Sherbrooke. She passes a sleepless night. Walking to the lodge, she meets Archibald, and he cannot understand why he finds her there. Believing he is acting a part, for he wins her love as Archibald Sherbrooke, he appears as Lord Carroll of Carrollton, the expected husband of her cousin, and refusing his explanation she bids him go back to Josephine and ask her for the cameo he gave her. Archibald seeks Mr. Richards' confidence and explains his position, his meeting Star on the steamer, his interest in her and later her promised husband, his ignorance that she is an inmate of this house, his meeting Stella and her refusal to listen to him. Mrs. Richards, overhearing his story and determined that her plans shall not fail, seeks Stella in the lodge, where she has gone for sympathy from Mr. Roosevelt. She upbraids Stella for conducting herself in a shameful manner, misconstruing Lord Carroll's attentions and accusing him with unfaithfulness. Stella is crushed with shame and humiliation, and the next morning Mr. Roosevelt and Stella go to New York where they make their home. Lord Carroll leaves a note for Josephine requesting her to send the cameo to his address that he may return it to the owner should he be so happy as to find her. Stella graduates with honor from the Normal College and Mr. Appleton introduces her as the author of "Chatsworth's Pride."

CHAPTER XXIII.

AN INTERESTING STORY.

JACOB Roosevelt stood not far away during the conversation between Mr. Appleton, Miss Meredith and Star, and a proud light beamed in his eyes as he listened to their praises of the girl whom he had learned to love so well. But it was nothing new to him that Star was an authoress; he had known it for nearly a year. That was the secret that she had whispered in his ear when, after Mrs. Richards' terrible accusations, they had been left alone and she had begged him to go away with her to make a little home of their own, telling him that what she should receive for her book, together with her hundred pounds, would be ample for their support until she could graduate and obtain a position as a teacher. She had written it that first winter; for after Mr. Richards had vetoed his wife's plan of making her a

sent to school, there had been many lonely hours which would have been very irksome to her if she had not spent them in this way.

When she was shown into Mr. Appleton's office and made known her errand there, he looked at her in wonder, astonished at the temerity of one so young and simple as she appeared to be in bringing her manuscript to him and asking him to publish it.

But he became strangely interested in it at once, and read on and on, now with smiles, then melting into tears, until it was finished, and pronounced a "little gem"; while he was convinced that a sensitive, refined and talented girl had thrown her heart, and perhaps something of her own life, into those touching pages.

He was greatly interested in her, and told her that he should publish her book, and if the first edition sold well, she should have a thousand dollars, and a certain per cent. on all other editions.

It seemed like a fortune to Star, who had not thought of receiving anything like such a sum, and she went back to her duties with a joyful heart to await the issue of her book.

Mr. Appleton was so pleased with her that he saw her often after that, and having received a card from her for the commencement exercises of Professor Roberts' seminary, he decided he would go; and the little package which he had given her in the presence of Mr. Richards was a copy of her book, which had just come to him from the hands of the binders; and it was he, too, who, admiring her fine essay, begged it of her and sent it, with those few flattering remarks which had so annoyed Josephine, to the next morning's papers.

Star had put no name to her work, telling Mr. Appleton that she did not care to be known as its author; and he, too, thought it best, since it was her first experience in literary matters; so, when she had told him that her name was Stella, he had put a simple Star in place of it.

But the book had sold beyond even the publisher's most sanguine expectations, and when it became evident very soon that a second edition must be published, he asked her to allow him to put her name to it, as everybody was besieging him to know who wrote it.

But she was firm, and insisted upon having his promise that he would not betray her until after her graduation and her eighteenth birthday.

When he wrote her a check for the promised thousand dollars, she had taken it directly to Mr. Roosevelt.

"Now we need have no fears for the future," she said, with a proud smile, as she put it into his hand. "You must have every comfort, Uncle Jacob—fruits, and wines, and everything nice, to make you strong and well. There will be more coming, you know, as the other editions are sold, and when I begin to teach I shall have my salary besides."

The old gentleman was deeply touched by her thoughtfulness for him; he could not speak for the choking sensation in his throat, but drew her gently to him and kissed her fair forehead, feeling that she was the only gleam of sunshine which his life contained.

Now, as he stood by and heard her praises sung, and knew that she would have the fame that belonged to her, he exulted over it; and when, a little later, she came to him and slipped an envelope into his hand, saying: "It is another check, Uncle Jacob, which Mr. Appleton has just given to me. Please take care of it, for you are my banker, you know; and," a tear starting to her glorious eyes, "I believe I never expected to be so happy again as I am tonight," he thought his own cup of joy was nearly as full as hers.

She was, indeed, a star after that all through the evening, and held a right royal little court, receiving and making the acquaintance of the admirers of "Chatsworth's Pride," until she became so weary that she longed to get home to quiet and rest.

As soon as she could find an opportunity to do so, she drew Mr. Roosevelt to President Hunter and made her adieu.

Just as she was turning away some one touched her on the arm.

"Miss Gladstone, allow me to present my brother, Mr. Ralph Meredith."

It was Miss Meredith—Grace Meredith, she had told Star she was called—who spoke, and looking up, she found a pair of brilliant dark eyes looking into hers, a handsome face smiling down upon her, while a musical voice acknowledged the introduction with evident pleasure.

"I expect you are the 'star' whom I have been wishing to know for a long time," he said, significantly, as he took the hand she held out to him, and thought he had never seen a lovelier face in his life.

Star thanked him with a charming smile for his interest in her, and introduced him to Mr. Roosevelt; then turned to Miss Meredith to escape from the praises which she saw he was longing to pour into her ears.

The young man was somewhat chagrined at being thus summarily disposed of, but he was too polite and good-natured to betray it, and did his best to make himself agreeable to the old gentleman and win his good will.

Gradually, however, he managed to attract the attention of the young ladies, and then the conversation became general until Mr. Roosevelt declared they must go.

Mr. Meredith regretted that they must leave, but begged, with his most captivating smile:

"May I have the pleasure, Miss Gladstone, of coming with my sister to call upon you?"

"Certainly," Star replied, graciously, for she was pleased with both brother and sister. "I

shall be very happy to have you do so. We live—"

"Wait a minute, Star, and I will write our address down for them. It is so difficult to remember numbers, I am afraid they will forget;" and taking a leaf from a small notebook that was in his pocket, Mr. Roosevelt wrote both street and number and passed it to young Meredith.

Star thought he looked surprised as he read it. Was it because of the humble locality, she wondered.

Then they exchanged good nights and parted. When they reached the street, Mr. Roosevelt said: "I am going to call a carriage, dear, for I know you are just ready to drop from weariness;" and Star did not object, for she was indeed exceedingly tired.

When they reached home she insisted upon making a cup of tea for Uncle Jacob; but the old gentleman was so absent-minded that she felt almost guilty for having kept him up so late, and feared he would be ill tomorrow.

She put away the tea things when they were through, and was about to light her lamp to retire, when he stopped her, saying:

"Star, my dear, come and sit down upon this ottoman by me; I have something I wish to say to you."

She obeyed, wondering what had happened to make him look and speak so gravely.

"Are you really happy tonight, my child?" he asked, tenderly.

A startled look came into the girl's eyes at this question, and her heart leaped with sudden pain as her thoughts went bounding over the sea to one to whom she had given the first grand passion of her soul.

"Uncle Jacob," she answered, gravely, though he could see the quiver about her lips, which she tried in vain to repress, "I am happier than I ever expected to be again. It is useless to regret or mourn over the past. I have tried to be sensible over it, but sometimes, I am afraid, I have not succeeded very well," she added, with a smile that was a trifle bitter. "If," she added, more brightly, a moment after, "that one episode could have been left out of my life, I believe there would be nothing to mar it now."

"I would that it could have been so," Mr. Roosevelt sighed. "But I want you to listen to me for a little while. I know it is late, and you ought to go to rest, but I particularly wish to tell you a short story of my life tonight. It is a page which has been turned from sight for many years, and no one has ever read it save myself. You are about entering upon a new era in your life. I have learned to love you very tenderly, my child, and I want to bind you yet closer to me."

"Why, Uncle Jacob, you do not think I have any idea of going away from you, I hope," Star said, in surprise.

"No, for I have grown to feel that you belong to me. Do you remember telling me, on board that ill-fated steamer, that your name was Star Roosevelt Gladstone, and how surprised you were when you learned that my last name was the same as your middle one?"

"Yes, sir; and I still think it a strange coincidence," Star answered.

"Perhaps you will be more surprised when I tell you that you were named for me."

Star looked up at him astonished.

"How can that be possible?" she asked.

"In this way," Mr. Roosevelt returned, a shade of pain crossing his face. "When your grandmother, Stella Winthrop—that was her name before her marriage, was it not?"

"Yes; and that is all I know about her, Uncle Jacob," Star answered, with a troubled look.

"It seems strange that I should be the one to tell you about her," Mr. Roosevelt said, thoughtfully. "Did your father ever have any trouble with his family?"

"Not that I know of; and yet," Star said, flushing, "there was some trouble about his marriage with mamma, though that seems to have been on the part of her family rather than his. Mrs. Richards once twitted me about mamma—who was a sort of cousin to her—having married beneath her."

"I do not see how that could have been, for the Mr. Gladstone who married Stella Winthrop was a very wealthy and important man in the county of Devonshire—at least, I was told so—and if your father was his son, he might have married almost any one he chose, and have conferred an honor in so doing. But this is not telling you my story."

"When Stella Winthrop was of your age, and I three or four years older, we met at a large reception in London. That meeting was fatal to us both, for we loved from that hour as true lovers ever love. For six months the world was like Paradise to us, and then I was called away to the far East on business for the firm with which I was connected."

"If I was successful in my business undertaking, it was agreed that I might claim my bride when I returned at the end of two years. The vessel on which I sailed was wrecked, and it was reported that every passenger on board was lost, while only a very few of the crew lived to tell the story of the disaster. But I was fortunate enough to secure a large cask, and with this I managed to keep afloat for two days, when I was picked up by a sailing vessel bound for the Philippine Islands."

"My first work upon reaching land was to write to Stella and tell her of my safety; but my letter never reached her. I also notified the firm that I was all right, and should proceed directly about the business upon which I had been sent,

but they knew nothing of my connection with Miss Winthrop, and accordingly did not communicate with her. I kept writing at intervals to my beloved, but never heard anything in return. At last, in despair, I wrote to the firm, telling them of my engagement, and asking them to notify her of my safety and give her my address in case she should have happened to lose the one I had given her. In reply, they said that the Winthrop family had gone abroad for an indefinite stay. Of course, this was a great trial to me, and I was exceedingly impatient; but my two years were over at last, and I turned my face toward England once more. I had succeeded in my business beyond my most sanguine expectations, and I looked forward to the immediate fulfillment of my hopes when I should return.

"My first duty on reaching London was to acquaint my employers with the result of my transactions, and my next thought was for Stella—my bright Star. Never for an instant had I doubted her fidelity; I believed she would be as true to me as I was to her, and my heart beat high with hope as I bounded up the familiar steps leading to her home and rang the bell. I asked for Miss Winthrop of the maid who answered my summons, and she stared at me as if she thought me demented.

"Miss Winthrop?" she repeated. "There is no Miss Winthrop, sir; she was married and went away nearly a year ago."

"Married!" The word was like a thunderbolt to me, and in an instant all the light went out of my life—my heart was paralyzed. I staggered from the place, and hid myself from every one for a week. Then I gained something of the calmness and courage to go out among my friends and try to learn how it happened that Stella Winthrop had married. As I told you before, it was reported that every passenger on the vessel in which I sailed was lost. Those of the crew who were saved affirmed that such was the case, and my betrothed had believed that I was dead.

"She grieved herself almost to death over my loss, and her parents, fearing they would lose her also, took her abroad and traveled for many months. It was during this absence that the firm received my letter relating to her, but were unable to learn her address, as she was moving from point to point, and so could not communicate with her."

"Six months after learning my fate, she met Mr. Gladstone in Paris. He fell in love with her, and offered himself to her. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word, was kind and sympathetic, and she liked him as a friend. She told him the story of her grief, and that she could never marry. He was patient with her, and when at length a second time he asked her to marry him, she told him that she could never love him as she had loved me, but if he could be content to take her with what respect she could give him, and the duty she would strive to yield him, she would become his wife. He told her he would be content, and they were married—a year and three months after I sailed on the fatal voyage."

"They traveled several months longer, and when at length on their return to London, only three or four months before I arrived there, she learned that I had not perished, but was soon expected back, the shock nearly killed her a second time. Her husband was all kindness and attention, took her immediately away again, and showered everything that wealth could buy upon her; and after a time children were born to her, and those new ties aroused her to her sense of duty as a mother. I never saw her, for I had not courage to look upon her dear face, knowing that she had become the wife of another; for I never ceased to love her, and with an affection that amounted to idolatry. They told me that she had two children—two noble boys, one of them resembling her, the other his father—that she was a tender, faithful mother, and very much beloved by every one who knew her."

"That was forty years ago, Star, and for thirty I have not heard one word concerning either her or her family."

His voice broke, his lips quivered painfully, and it seemed for a moment as if he must break down utterly.

"When I first saw you," he continued, after a moment, "there was something in your face that touched me—a light in your eye, a sheen on your hair, that somehow smote a familiar chord in my heart. I watched you, although you were not aware of it, and felt sorry for you during that dreadful storm at sea; for your white face and great, startled eyes appealed to me as nothing had done for many a year. But I would not yield to it. I had shut my heart to every one; I vowed that I would never love any one again, and I mistrusted every one who sought to win me to a better mood. But when that lurch of the boat threw you directly into my arms, and you clung to me in such a helpless way, I could not resist you, and some good angel prompted me to gather you close to me and make you rest upon me. When you told me your name, the shock nearly unmanned me—'Star Roosevelt Gladstone,' you said—and I knew as well as if I had been told, that you were in some way connected with my lost Star, and I watched over you all the night through, feeling almost as if some sweet spirit had been sent from her to me, to give me a little ray of comfort at the end of my long, loveless life."

"When, the next morning, you told me that your grandmother had named you, and that her name was Stella Winthrop, I had not a doubt; I felt convinced that you must be the child of one of her sons. You thought it merely a strange coincidence, but I knew better, and all my boasted coldness and hardness melted away, and I began to love you then and there. When that dreadful explosion occurred, and you urged me to save myself, as 'doubtless I had dear friends' and 'you

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AN ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

THE UMBRELLA SHOWER



By Violet Marsh

"ALL the world loves a bride," and so do all the girls I know anything about love an engagement shower. There are many forms of arrangement for presenting these tokens of love, but whichever one you choose, keep it simple and free from embarrassment to the recipient.

I would suggest that the decorations be gathered from the fields and woods which now abound in beautiful and wonderful growths just unfolding to meet the light and sunshine of a new world. Could anything be more appropriate?

One of the loveliest effects I know is a shallow glass dish filled with early spring mosses which in turn are filled with wild violets. If kept wet they will last for days.

For height there is nothing prettier than the spring "pussy-toes," and everyone knows the charm and fragrance of apple blossoms. If you push back the carpet of fallen leaves you will find graceful vines fit to garland any room. The wild lilies are as exquisite as any grown in hot-houses, and in fragrance nothing surpasses the trailing arbutus, or Mayflower as it is sometimes called. The variety of wild flora changes in different localities, but nearly everywhere the woods and fields abound in nature's treasures.

The Umbrella Shower

At the head of this column is pictured an umbrella so arranged as to hold a linen shower. The umbrella has a curved handle which is suspended from a hook in the ceiling by means of white sash ribbon. The handle is well wrapped with white crepe tissue paper, while the same material is used to cover both inside and outside of the umbrella. Extend the edge of paper beyond the edge of umbrella and smooth into a ruffle effect. A few long stitches will be necessary to hold the paper in place. Tie the top of umbrella with a huge paper bow. To carry out the decorative effect, some of the packages have each a long ribbon the other end of which is brought down to the table where it is held by a paper heart. These hearts may be large enough to hold some written sentiment of the giver.

Quite likely the umbrella may not be large

enough to hold all the packages, in which case those in excess are piled beneath it.

Where the event includes a standup luncheon, the umbrella is suspended higher, and the food attractively arranged on the table, together with dishes and silver ready for service.

The Announcement Luncheon
The recipes given below will assist the one who wishes that which is simple, delicious and unusual. Whatever the drinks are, it will save confusion to have someone pass them on a tray, while a second tray follows close behind bearing sugar and cream for chocolate and coffee, and slices of lemon into which a clove has been stuck for tea. The small luncheon biscuit should be split and buttered before serving, and while hot. Strawberries at this season greatly assist in making a luncheon delicious and attractive.

ANNOUNCEMENT FAVOR—NO. 1.
Prepare a chicken the same as for roasting, stuff with one cup of moistened bread-crumbs highly seasoned with salt, pepper, one thin slice of onion, and one chopped sour pickle, or other pickle. Sew up the neck and crop opening, tie the legs to the body and steam until very tender, which will require several hours. When thoroughly cold, remove the skin, fat, bone and gristle, reserving them for a soup. The stuffing will be delicious served with cold meat of any kind. Cut up the meat but not too fine as it gives an unappetizing consistency. To three cups of cut-up meat, take three tablespoons of granulated gelatine, let it stand in three tablespoons of cold water about 15 minutes and then dissolve in one cup of boiling water. Add at once to the chicken, season with salt and one tablespoon of lemon juice, stir thoroughly and set over night where it is cold. About two hours before serving, whip one and one-third cup of very heavy cream, taking care it does not turn to butter. Fold this into the jellied chicken and pour into a dish that will give the desired shape of mould. Serve on a bed of crisp white lettuce leaves.

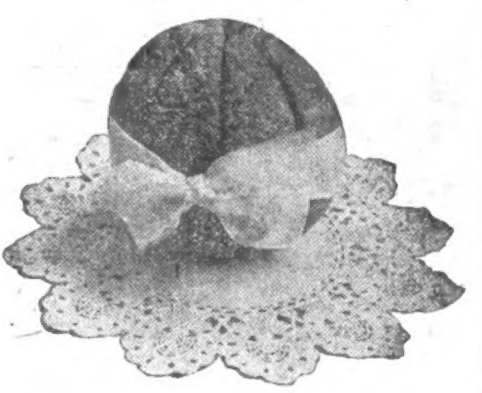
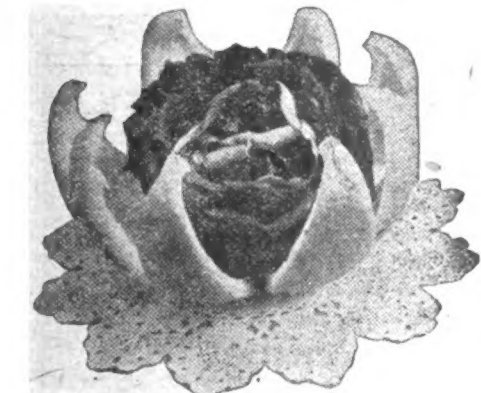
STRAWBERRY AND PINEAPPLE SALAD.—Fresh or canned pineapple can be used. The hard centers are removed from the slices of pineapple which are then placed on the serving dish and cut into small pieces without changing the ap-

pearance of a whole slice. Cover each slice with strawberries cut into quarters and garnish with small white lettuce leaves. Pour over the salad a sweet dressing made as follows: Use the pineapple juice as a foundation. To one-half cup add three tablespoons of salad oil, two tablespoons of sugar, one tablespoon of lemon juice, and a pinch of salt. The salad should be served as soon as put together.

NET PATTIES.—Sift together three times, five even tablespoons of flour and one-half cup of powdered sugar. Beat one whole egg until very creamy, then gradually beat in with the egg-beater one-half cup of powdered sugar that has been sifted free from lumps. Now beat in the mixed flour and sugar, one-half cup of chopped pecan meats, and a few drops of almond extract. Stir well and drop in teaspoonfuls on an oiled biscuit tin. Place in a moderate oven and bake twenty minutes.

LUNCHEON BISCUITS.—Sift together two cups of flour, one-half teaspoon of salt, and four teaspoons of baking powder. Into this work two slightly rounded tablespoons of butter, and mix soft as can be handled with about three-fourths cup

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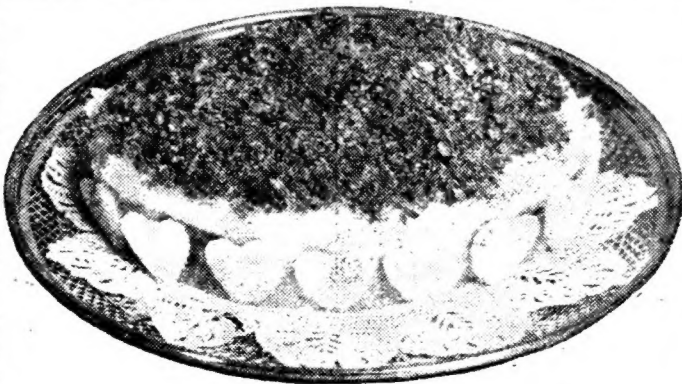
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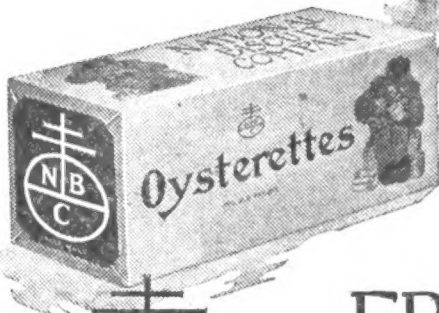
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Cubby Bear Seeks New Friends

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CUBBY Bear brushed his hair and made himself tidy one summer morning, kissed Mamma Bruin and Grandma Bear good by, and started off happily for a day among new scenes and new faces.

"I am going toward the west, the way the bright sun travels," he said, "and try to find new friends."

As he approached the line where his own Pleasant Forest merged into the West Forest, he came upon Little Chickadee Chirrupee.

"Chickadee dee-dee-dee-dee-dee!" the little bird chirped blithely.

"Good morning," called Cubby Bear. "How happy you seem!"

"Aren't you happy, too?" asked Chickadee.

"Yes," answered Cubby, "so happy that I want to make others so! This day I have started out to be kind to all I meet, and to help them, for I want to make new friends."

Chickadee's little black eyes shone.

"Oh, if you really mean that," he cried, "I shall fly around and tell the good news to everybody I see!"

When Chickadee had gone, Cubby said to himself, "I already have friends in this West Forest—I will look up the Badger family."

He had been to Betty Badger's house before, so knew the way.

"What fun!" said Betty, when Cubby had told her how he meant to spend the day. "We will go with you."

So after Betty had hastily washed the five Little Badgers' faces, they trailed along after Cubby Bear.

"I can show you where Little Ruby Hummingbird lives," said one Little Badger.

"But she will not let you come near," added his brother.

"She likes the honey from flowers," Cubby remembered, "so I will pick an armful, and carry them to her."

The Badgers helped, and Cubby carried a huge bouquet of sweet wild flowers and laid them on the ground underneath the hummingbird's tiny nest. There was a whirring of little gauzy wings, and Cubby hastily withdrew.

"The flowers are to give you honey, little bird," called Cubby. "Do not be afraid."

A brown-furred animal sprang up from a bed of moss at their approach, and was starting off when Cubby said, "Oh, wait, Mr. Marten! You were in the Pleasant Forest that night of the moon's eclipse! Please do not go yet. I want to talk to you!"

"I am in a hurry," was all the Marten would stop to say.

"Chipper, chapper! chipper, chapper!" cried a voice above them, and a shower of leaves fell on Cubby's head. A sleek gray squirrel with plummy tail followed the leaves, coming to the ground in a long, graceful leap.

"How pretty you are!" exclaimed Cubby admiringly. "What is your name?"

"I am Griffie Gray. I don't need to ask who you are—Chickadee told me about you. You haven't a nut in your pocket, have you?"

"No," answered Cubby. "I am sorry. But go home with me, to Mamma Bruin's house, and you shall have as many nuts as you can eat."

"I will go," promised Griffie Gray, "and I will be your friend."

So Griffie went along with Cubby and the others.

"I can tell you of an animal who does not live here, but who is passing through the forest. I saw him fixing a bed in a thicket a little while ago." This from Griffie.

"Oh, let us go and see him!" said Cubby.

"He might not be pleasant if you woke him," objected Griffie. "He is the Fisher, and is not often seen around here."

Cubby, unafraid, went to see the Fisher. He was sleeping lightly, seeming to have an eye out for danger.

"Go away!" he called angrily.

"Oh, but I would like to be friends with you," said Cubby Bear.

"I am only passing through here, bound for the Green Mountains of Vermont. Will you leave me in peace?" growled the Fisher.

"I would like to hear the story of your travels," said Cubby wistfully.

"I have traveled far, and am tired, but if you come too near, I shall forget that I am tired, and then you will be sorry!" The Fisher glared at them angrily.

Cubby turned sadly away.

"I am glad he did not come with us," said

Betty Badger. "We want only those who will be pleasant and polite."

"Oh, look! look there!" cried the oldest Little Badger. "I can see Brown Bat, asleep, clinging to that branch. If I could reach him, we would take him along."

Griffie Gray climbed to the branch in a twinkling, and gently loosing the little creature's hold, tossed him lightly down to the Little Badger.

"Here, Cubby Bear," said the Little Badger, "is another friend for you. Brown Bat will sleep all



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"Oh, it must be Zapus Jumping-mouse and his brothers!" cried Betty.

Now jumping-mice are quite different from the mice that live in houses and barns. They are of a rusty-yellowish color, with long, strong hind-legs and feet, and slender tails much longer than their little bodies.

"We have come to see you, Cubby Bear," spoke up little Zapus, all seven of them sitting up and holding out their little fore-paws pleadingly.

We are so large and strong we could easily do it in a day."

Zapus and his six brothers were happy once more, and hopped and bounded along with Cubby Bear.

They saw the gleam of water through the trees, and came to a small pond.

Chickadee Chirrupee was there, talking with Froggie Freckles.

Froggie splashed into the water and swam to the middle of the pond. Then, throwing up his fore-paws, he shouted:

"Come and save me, Cubby Bear! Do not let me drown!" Then he sank in the muddy water.

"No, no; don't go!" cried Betty Badger. "Wait—let me tell you—"

But Cubby had already started bravely to the rescue.

The bottom of the pond was soft, and after taking a few quick steps Cubby found he could no longer move his feet. They were stuck fast in the mud. Worse than this, he felt himself sinking slowly.

"It is a quagmire!" cried Betty in distress. "I know this pond—I was trying to tell you about it. Stand still! do not struggle, or you will sink faster!"

The voice of the oldest Little Badger broke forth in a wild cry.

"Cubby Bear will drown!" he shrieked. "Why don't somebody save him? I will pull him out, myself!" And he plunged into the water.

His mother promptly seized him and drew him out.

"It will do Cubby Bear no good for you to drown, too," she told him.

Froggie Freckles was swimming around Cubby Bear distractedly.

"Oh, I am sorry!" he croaked. "I only meant to play a joke on you! You couldn't drown a frog—didn't you know that? I was going to tell you this was a dangerous place for you, but I didn't think you would get stuck so soon. It must be dangerous because you are so heavy. Can't you pull yourself out? Oh, try hard!"

Betty Badger and her children dragged a stick to the edge of the pond, and pushed it out where Cubby could reach it, but were not strong enough to pull him ashore.

Little Chickadee called, "See this yellow birch tree close to the water's edge? If we could only bend this long branch down where Cubby could reach it, he could pull himself out!"

"We need more weight to bend it down," said Griffie.

"I will fly for help," offered Chickadee.

He soon came back, with Policeman Bob Catt, Mr. Marten and the Fisher.

They all rushed to the branch of the tree, even little Chickadee adding his tiny weight to help bring it within Cubby's reach.

Joyfully Cubby seized the branch, and after a long, hard struggle, he managed to pull himself up to safety. Paw over paw he carefully worked his way along.

When he was safe on solid ground once more, dripping black mud, they gathered about him joyously.

"Now all come home with me, to Mamma Bruin's house," said Cubby Bear.

"No, no," refused the Fisher. "I must be on my way."

"No, no," echoed Mr. Marten.

"Oh, but Mamma Bruin will want to thank every one who helped to rescue me! Please come!" coaxed Cubby.

So Marten and Fisher, Bob Catt, Betty Badger and her children (the oldest one dragging little Brown Bat by one wing), Zapus Jumping-mouse and his brothers, Griffie Gray, Chickadee Chirrupee, and Froggie Freckles, all started for the Pleasant Forest with Cubby Bear.

The shy Oven-bird came out when they passed her home, and offered to let Cubby dry himself by her oven, and little Ruby Hummingbird hovered in the air near Cubby's ear long enough to tell him how glad she was he had not been drowned.

As the bright sun was sinking in the west, Cubby Bear and his friends, their journey ended, found Mamma Bruin standing in her doorway.

"What has happened to you, Cubby Bear?" she asked. "You are covered with black mud!"

"Oh, I do not mind the mud, Mamma Bruin," Cubby told her joyously, "for, see, all the good friends I have brought home with me! And only think, they saved me from drowning!"

"Come in, come in, all of you," invited Mamma Bruin opening wide the door. "I have supper enough for everyone, and after you have eaten, you shall help Cubby tell me the story of the day's adventures!"

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IT is an old and true instinct that turns us toward the earth these days—to garden and ploughlands, to the gathering of the first Spring flowers and of those new little sticky leaves as wonderful and beautiful themselves as any blossoms. Billy I see only about twice a day—for breakfast and supper. Between these important hours of bran muffins and cocoa he is spending long out-of-doors days after his months of attachment to radiators and the liniment bottle. The mound of letters which mounts higher than my desk tells of Bill's neglect of his accustomed duties and diet. But I am patient and weight the scattering overflowing mass down with a pile of paving brick. For I doubt not that even dandelions will satiate in time, and that Bill will return dragging his pivot teeth behind him, so to speak, ready to add a little assorted wood pulp to his interior botanical gardens.

As I love the deeper warmer sun of these days, and rejoice in getting my feet away from icy pavements and on to springy sod, I have taken some short walking trips. In these expeditions afield I have often paused to think a bit sadly to myself of how man's life today must so often be inevitably cut off from the satisfaction of that natural turning toward the soil which should be normally his in the months of the world's rebirth. I like to think that perhaps the happiest races are those who have lived in the simplest manner and clung the more closely to Mother Earth. The Chinese, for instance, have been farmers for four thousand years, and the course of the seasons, seed-time and harvest, sun and rain, have become almost a religion with them. It is an achievement in agriculture that after these thousands of years of tilling the soil of China is yet as productive as in the first ploughings. While we have wasted what nature has given us, the Chinese have nursed and guarded their heritage. Before all else, they are an agrarian race, and one can read this in their history, their literature and their religious forms. Much of the conservatism of China, I believe, can be traced to their existence upon the soil and their blending of their lives with the slow but sure processes of nature.

In thinking of the Chinese, we need not turn up our Western noses haughtily—as I am sure that Billy would do, for one. We can learn much from the Chinese, from their attitude toward nature and life, and from a sympathetic study of their instinctive holding at bay of the world-spreading—I almost wrote world-wrecking—tendencies of industrial nationalism. For we need badly today a respect for and an appreciation of what the true fundamentals of natural happy living are. For instance, we live in a time when a false and dangerous value is being set on all things of the intellect. Man is building his brain into a Tower of Babel that can never reach the heaven toward which he aims—low though that heaven be. In this period of the growth of cities, in this stressing by education of those things only that will aid us to hold a niche in the complex struggle of our material civilization, we are arriving at an age of fatal unfaith in all simple human things—or perhaps I should say a neglect of the power and primary importance of the place the old natural human instincts must form in man's happiness. We erect barriers and allow them to be erected for us between ourselves and our fellows. We do not leave ourselves time to push aside the screen that a false sense of the values of life has placed between us and the God in whom we live and have our being. We foolishly let ourselves be cut off from a natural life close to that earth upon which we were meant to dwell as happy children—and not as quarrelsome, over-intellectualized, sickly creatures of unnatural growth. We have cast aside our birthright in too many instances. We can only faint with hunger upon dry husks of the intellect until we remember our Father's house and our proper place in it.

Kipling writes of the importance of being able to "walk with kings" without losing the common touch. We need a cultivation of the common touch today. I think. Those who attempt to set our customs and dictate the standards of our life and education have failed of the ideal given in Kipling's striking line. If crowned two-legged kings have been scarce to companion them, they have walked with the kings of their own and other intellectual domains. And their common touch, their grasp upon the simple human truths of life and God have failed them. They have come to believe and would command us to believe that life can answer best to the scepter of the brain and that there the seat of power rests. But there can come no responding court bows—at least no happy ones—from the children of men who are in truth subjects of a very different Ruler from that set up by the uncommon brains of our "leaders" of modern thought and philosophy. How bad the mistake is that has been made in this demand for false allegiance Nature will finally tell us—and in the telling will take her own sweet and slow way to repair the damage done and the wounds given.

And as for leaders, I like to imagine the possibility of our some day having a Farmer President. A man who, like Lincoln, would have "the common touch" joined to companionship with the only King. A man who could have his roots firmly in the soil of his country, and a brain, deepened by true human living and bearing no influences of those ephemeral teachings of our day and education which really are less than scratches upon the permanent things of the life of man upon the earth. Such a ruler would touch the chords of our national life with a strong, sure and tender hand. Democracy with him would be instinct, not phrase. A very part of him would be the knowledge of how inevitably bound up with the life of the earth is the natural life of man. And he would know where to look for the true bases of happiness, and how to raise a standard of those values which exist ever, because they are eternal, under all our false accretions of modern living.

In our civilization, as we call it, man today makes huge circles and goes devious ways for the primary purposes of gaining food, lodging and clothes to cover him. What he often wins of these simple things, let anyone look into our cities or industrial centers and answer. The wheel, which is our world, grows larger and wider-rimmed to make places for all who would hang to hub and felloe, and there are constantly heavier tires to crush those who are knocked off in the

scramble or who have been unable to get secure foothold as the speed increases. Yet the simple living upon the earth, which is all that is needed for man's happiness, and without which, in fact, his happiness cannot exist, is always ready to be given from Nature's hands. She stands unchangeable in the rewards she offers, while in our cities today thousands fight, literally to the death, for the necessities our complex and unnatural living makes so hard to win.

I was going to write more upon this subject which means much to me, when Billy came marching importantly in, bringing with him a breath of moist fresh air and a scent of mud and green things.

"Whatever are you doing? Uncle Lisha," he exclaimed: "staying inside a day like this! Are you bothering with these old letters?"—and Bill laid an inquiring nose upon the big pile about my desk. "For if you are, take your hat and get out in the sun. I'll attend to them!"

And so I took Bill's kindly meant advice and went into the spring sunshine. As I closed the door, I heard a steady sound of munching and crunching. I think that Billy's walk gave him an appetite.

And now for the letters:

ETHER, NORTH CAROLINA.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS: It is imperative this letter be published. You will learn why when you proceed to read. This is the "Hermit of the Hills" writing again. Since my letter appeared in the December COMFORT I have been compelled to vacate my cave to make room for letters. It is already filled to overflowing, with not even standing room left for yours truly any more. There are letters to stir all the emotions of man. Some would make you laugh, others would make you cry, a few would make you feel like swearing, and great numbers are friendly, sensible letters that vividly express the beautiful character of the writers and make you feel that life is worth living after all.

I have received no less than twelve or fifteen direct proposals, I am a tender-hearted to reject any of them, yet I am afraid if I accept them all there will be war in the camp right away. So you must tell me what to do, Uncle Lisha.

So many requests came for samples of those "love-curls" I told you about, that my head is now as devoid of hair as a toad's back—and still I am about a thousand orders behind. You must tell me what to do about this, also, because you were partly the cause of it all, for I didn't want the girls to know my real name and wished to be known only as the "Hermit of the Hills." Could you recommend a tonic, Uncle Lisha, that would produce a new set of curls on my head right away?

Let me say to all the cousins and readers who have written me that I could answer only a few (I am sure I have received over fifteen hundred letters in the past month and they are still coming), but every single one was highly appreciated and I am keeping them all as extremely interesting souvenirs.

I will now use a few words to describe the paramount desirability of the Tarheel State. The climate is very beautiful and people never die here except of disease, accident and old age. The one salient point, isn't it? The soil is very productive, hence we can raise everything we need to eat and are not dependent upon any other state for existence. Winston-Salem is the largest city. This city is a great tobacco market and millions of cigars and cigarettes are manufactured there every week. High Point is one of the greatest furniture manufacturing cities in the South. The White Oak Cotton Mill at Greensboro ranks among the largest in the world; and, of course, Ether, my home town, is so world-famous it would be superfluous to tell about it here. Thousands of acres of delicious peaches are shipped from the orchards in the "Sand Hills" section of southern North Carolina every year, and the apples produced in the mountain regions of western Carolina are among the finest in the world. All things considered, North Carolina is just about the *creme de la creme* of the Union.

Uncle Lisha, when you see this letter published, please bustle Billy the Goat off to his vacation.

Again thanking all of you who have written to me, I remain,

The same
CARL A. MANESS,
alias Hermit of the Hills.

You don't express much sorrow, Carl, about having been driven out of your mountain cave and away from the wildcats and other charming pets of your lonely hermitage about which you last wrote to us. I think the truth is all hermits like to see out in the world once in a while—particularly when they can emerge and breathe the life-giving Ether of such a state as you describe yours to be.

About your more than a dozen proposals from would-be hermitesses, Carl; I don't think you will have any further matrimonial entanglements now that you have revealed your curliest, bald-headed condition. The charm will be gone, for curls are a great attraction, it seems, for the feminine heart about which they must have a way of twining. Ask Cousin Ted Carmichael, down in Carrizozo, New Mexico, about this. The only reason Ted is not as bald as you, Carl, is that he had an old buffalo robe from which he cut a tiny dark curl for each Carmichael brand. It was a big hide, but it did not quite go round and Teddy had to start a vacant place over one of his ears. But it saved almost all the curls he had planted on his cowboy dome and you ought to have looked up some such substitute, Carl—a curly wildcat, or some lady coon that had taken to wearing marcel waves. But it's too late now. I feel sad to think of your too and intellectual hermit brow shining brightly in the spring sunlight. Of course, you must try some sort of a tonic. The best one I know about is to find some old haircloth sofa not too much worn. Take about six square feet of the thickest covering of this sofa, cut in small pieces, and boil in two gallons of best cider vinegar for four hours. Strain and cool, and apply to the head by rubbing in well with a circular motion, following grain. The hair produced by this treatment is apt to be stiff and shiny. Not a curl can be expected; but bald-headed men cannot be choosers—and hair is hair. I knew one man who grew a head of haircloth covering in this way, and it proved to be so slippery that the only way he could hold his hat on was to keep a lump of tar in the crown. But then you have plenty of tar down in North Carolina, Carl.

Since you were driven from your hermitage I think you must have joined the Ether Chamber of Commerce, Carl—from the way you now write. In your first letter you spoke quite discouragingly about your state and seemed to think that it could produce nothing profitably but moonshine. There wasn't a bit of *creme de*



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la creme in your first hermit message, Carl. It was all skin-milk or mountain dew. But then this may have only been the gloomy effect of living in a damp cave without any proposals except those of the wildcats who proposed to dine off your handsome carcass. A bald-headed young Chamber of Commerce booster is very different from a long-curl, cave-dwelling hermit. Carl, you may have improved from the standpoint of a world of conformity, but you are not nearly as interesting as in your cave-man stage of development. I cannot ask you to turn back to your proposal-crowded cave—probably the only course left open for you now is to use your head and grow a few acres of haircloth for the High Point furniture factory.

CHARLOTTE, 617 West Lawrence Ave., Mich.
DEAREST UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS (ALSO BILLY): I have just finished reading your department and have decided to write to you for the first time. But now that I have started, I don't suppose it will be the last. Uncle, I most surely wish you would put Billy's picture in the paper. Now that I have seen yours, I am anxious to see Billy's. I am sure that I would like him; I haven't the slightest doubt that I would. And I think that Billy would like me, for I am just a kid—and kids and goats are some relation!

I am eating some fudge that I made about a half hour ago, and it sure is good. Now don't think I am selfish, for I most heartily wish you and Billy were here so you could have some. Uncle, I am going to tell you something—but don't tell Billy. It is this: if Billy likes good homemade candy, and is real good, I will send him a box of it sometime. But you must remember that this will also be for you—and I will guarantee it not to give you the tooth-ache. But it is awful rich, so you had better not eat too much of it at once. Of course, if you don't like good homemade fudge and divinity and other kinds of candy I will not send it to you.

If you want to know what I look like, I am five feet, three inches tall, have a brunette complexion, dark brown hair, and black eyes with long eyelashes. I am only thirteen years old, but everybody says I act and look as if I were sixteen. Isn't that ridiculous?—for I am always getting into mischief of some sort.

Tell Billy not to look at the misspelt words, for my dictionary is at school. I am a Freshie, but can't write good—as you can see.

Oh, dear! I just had to get up and get a drink, this candy is so sweet.

I am going downtown this afternoon, but I can't

go for a while yet, as the gas men are here putting in a new meter and the gas is shut off—so I can't get any hot water to finish my work. I have had quite a few accidents today. When I was ironing with the electric iron this morning I burnt my hand, and gee! but it is sore. And when I was running the electric Hoover something must have got caught in it, for it would not run right and took me about half an hour to fix it.

It is 2:35 now and I have got an appointment downtown for 3 o'clock. I don't see how I will ever make it!

Uncle and cousins, do you think it is any worse for a girl to powder and paint than for a boy to smoke and chew tobacco?

I wish Billy would come and see me sometime—and you also. Tell Billy I will show him a dandy time if he will come. I will send you my picture sometime, if you want it, so Billy can see I am not so beautiful that I would be ashamed of him even if he has got gray whiskers. I bet he is full of fun anyway. And Uncle, I think you are just as grand as your picture. Well, I must close. So long, everybody!

Your niece and cousin and Billy's pal,
ISABEL CARDWELL.

There must have been something about your letter that Billy liked, Isabel, for he brought it to me, saying: "This is a sweet and breezy message from a Michigan cousin, Uncle." I thought you might like to print it. I see she claims to be some sort of a relative of mine—which is interesting. Of course, when Billy said "sweet," Isabel, he may have only meant that he had found a drop of your homemade fudge on one corner of the paper, for I must say that Bill has a very sweet pivot tooth and is much of a candy-hound. But I'm not sure if it would be entirely safe for Bill to eat any of your "awful rich" fudge. His constantly over-strained digestion is rather delicate. Anyhow, the best way would be to start him off on an ounce of "divinity" a day, administered with a medicine dropper and watch effects. Certainly divinity fudge should be divinely digestible, but you never can tell with Billy. He has a way of going by contraries.

But I think the real secret of Bill having favored your letter is that he liked what you wrote about having his picture in COMFORT. Isabel, if you knew how simply wild Billy is to have his photograph appear, you would laugh

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Round Prairie Observes Mothers' Monday

By Margaret A. Bartlett

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"A SK Betty, The Buyer—she'll help you!" The words danced fastastically over the page of the newspaper Maria Josephs was trying to read. It was Monday evening—wash-day evening—and Maria knew why black dots floated before her eyes, and only certain words on the page before her were visible, and those appeared and disappeared, only to show up again in some unexpected spot. It was always like that Monday evening—unless a bad storm made it necessary to postpone the weekly washing. Wearily, she kicked off first one worn shoe, and then the other. Drawing a chair nearer, she put her aching feet on its seat and leaned back in her hollow-backed rocker. Usually she felt quite rested when her stockings feet were high off the floor, but tonight, as on all Monday nights, there seemed no way to ease the aching nerves and muscles.

On the opposite side of the drop-leaf table with its turkey-red checker-board patterned cloth, Andrew Josephs sat, enjoying his Monday evening perusal of the Sunday paper which the inhabitants of Round Prairie received by rural carrier Monday afternoon. Suddenly he threw aside the paper, pulled out his big silver turnip-watch and began winding it, preparatory to going to bed.

"What's the matter, Maria? Tired? No use sleeping down here. Better go to bed!" he advised.

"But, Andrew,"—Maria opened her eyes and straightened in her uneasy chair—"I haven't half looked through the paper. I did want to read a little while tonight, but that washing today has left me feeling as flat as a sponge cake a draught has struck. If only, Andrew—"

"Better stop right where you be, Maria," cut in her husband. "I don't want to hear any more of this electric washer nonsense. Women for a good many years have washed their clothes by scrubbing them on a wash-board, and I guess you ain't any better n they were."

"But, Andrew," pleaded his wife, "if only you knew how the weekly washing tuckers me out. I'm afraid I won't be able to do it at all much longer."

"Oh, you're kinda run down, Maria. I'll send tomorrow for a box of those Mr. Pearson's Pleasant Pellets. They'll fix you all right. Now, come on to bed. You won't get your bones rested any sitting there all night."

Maria heard him shuffle in his carpet-slippers to the table in the kitchen where the water-pail stood. She heard him drain the dipper with big, horse-like gulps, and then she watched the wavering light of the lamp as it rose higher and higher over the stairs. With senses suddenly awakened she listened breathlessly till the creaking of the heavy wooden bed told her that her husband was settled for the night.

Though her heart thumped at her temerity, she stole to the soap-order writing-desk she had earned twenty years or more ago, hunted up pen and ink and a sheet of writing paper, and sat down to it, spreading out before her the paper she had last been looking at. It contained the advertisement of Loudon's Bigger and Better Department Store. In one corner was Betty, the Buyer's message to out-of-town women, urging them to find out how easy and satisfactory mail-order shopping could be, if goods were purchased from the Loudon's store, and concluding with the request: If there is anything you wish to know, if you have any problem you can't solve, don't hesitate to write us. Just ask Betty, the Buyer—she'll help you!"

It was that final sentence that had flitted over the face of the newspaper a while before when Maria Josephs had tried to read it. It was those words, that invitation, which had been running through Maria's mind ever since. "Ask Betty, the Buyer!" Well—Maria bit the end of her pen viciously—well, since this Betty person asked her to do it, she'd tell her all her troubles!

Thus it was that the Loudon Department Store received a few days later the following pathetic letter:

My Dear Betty, the Buyer:
You ask us to write you if we have any problems we cannot solve. I have one which is too big for me. I want to know what you would do if you were in my place. I am a woman fifty years old and not very young. I live way back from everywhere and I have to do my work under about the same conditions my grandmother did hers. But I am not strong and the heavy work, such as washing and ironing, is too hard for me. My husband can afford all the nice things he wants for his cows and barn, but he doesn't believe in women having things to make their work easier—he's afraid it will make us lazy. Now I want a washing machine and believe I ought to have one, but how am I to get my husband to buy me one? There are ten or a dozen other women here in Round Prairie that need one like I do, but their husbands won't listen to them when they try to get them to buy one for them. You say you can help us. I hope you can, for I think we need help.

Very truly yours,
MRS. ANDREW (MARIA) JOSEPHS,
(Address) R. R. No. 4, Round Prairie, Colo.

Betty the Buyer smiled as she read the letter. She was used to all sorts of letters from all sorts and classes of women, but each was only a part of her work. She was paid to be tactful, pleasant, helpful, to all inquirers; to think always of how the store might benefit.

Now, she slipped a fresh piece of paper into her typewriter, and began her oft-repeated instructions to one of the mail-order department clerks. "Say," she wrote; then she hesitated. It would never do to let this woman's husband know she had written her troubles to a stranger. That would be the surest way of killing a possible sale. Any literature concerning washing-machines sent to the wife would receive only condemnation from the husband. Obviously no ordinary letter would do this time. She must be tactful, she must be pleasant and helpful, and above all, she must help the company increase its sales! An electric washer was a big item, something over a hundred dollars. And there were in Round Prairie, according to this Mrs. Josephs' letter, at least ten other women in need of the modern improvement over the tub and wash-board of the age when women scrubbed their lives away because there was no help for it! If only she could corner the whole eleven of them!

"Miss Mason!" Betty, the Buyer, held the Round Prairie letter out to the head of the mail-order department. "I wish you would read this letter, and then tell me if you think I would be breaking the adamant rules of this store if I neglected to answer Mrs. Josephs but instead wrote to her husband."

Miss Mason glanced quickly through the letter. "Your judgment is always good, Betty. A pound of chocolates that you'll land them all." Thus did she acquiesce to Betty's implication that for once she was going to let a woman look in vain for a reply to her letter to Betty the Buyer.

Two days later when Andrew Josephs took his

mail from the hands of the rural carrier as he passed the gate, his attention was caught by a flashing orange envelope addressed to him. In the upper left-hand corner smiled the pleasant face of a young woman, to the right of which was the inscription: "From Betty the Buyer, care of Loudon's Bigger and Better Department Store, Denver, Colo." Maria, watching from the sitting-room window, saw him shove the letter into his pocket. Of course, she didn't know what letter it was, but she had been expecting her reply from "that Betty person," and now—A panic seized her. Somehow her husband had found out about the letter she wrote. Just how she didn't see, for she had walked three miles to their nearest neighbor's in order to slip the letter into their mail-box just before the carrier arrived. Still, she knew he must have known about it, and so had taken her answer when it arrived. What would that Betty person say? What would Andrew think of her? "Oh—oh," she hid her head in her apron. He'd never forgive her, and, what seemed of even greater importance at the time, he would never get her a modern washing-machine now!

Out in the barn a half hour later, Andrew climbed up into the haymow, where he was confident no one coming suddenly into the barn would see him, sank into the fragrant dried grass and drew out the flaming envelope. He had a premonition that that letter was one for himself alone—not for Maria. He felt it all over, held it to the light, shook it, as if trying to guess its contents; then finally gathered courage to slip his knife between the flap and slit the top.

A sheet of paper of the same vivid color was folded within. In his excitement his hands shook as he unfolded the typewritten letter. It read:

DEAR MR. JOSEPHS:
By good authority I have been informed that you own one of the finest equipped dairy farms in your county. I understand that you have spared neither time nor money in installing every convenience known to dairymen in your barn—from a perfect ventilating system to individual drinking-cups for each bossy.

Naturally, I suppose you have provided for your wife's health and comfort in the same careful manner; but in case she is still laboring under old-fashioned conveniences, I am sure you will be interested in Loudon's line of labor lighteners for women, especially in our electric washing machines.

I am enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Won't you please be so kind as to write to me personally, letting me know whether your wife has now an electric washer or not? I will return the favor in any way possible.

Wishing your wife a good long life, I am,
Most cordially yours,
BETTY THE BUYER.

"Well I'll be jiggered!" he exclaimed to the barn swallows and the mice and whatever other inhabitants of the barn were within hearing distance. "I swan if I can understand how those folks down there got all that information about me. But they want to sell me a washing-machine, do they? Good thing Maria didn't get hold of this letter. And they want me to write and let them know if my wife owns one or not? H-m-m! I wouldn't waste a good two-cent stamp on such a letter, but since they've enclosed an envelope ready-stamped—a government envelope, gosh blink 'em! the stamp can't be soaked off from—I don't know as it will do any harm to answer them."

Accordingly, Andrew Josephs did just what Betty the Buyer had hoped he would do: he reversed the sheet of paper and, after a deal of fumbling deep down in the pencil-pocket of his overalls for a stub which persisted in keeping just out of reach, wrote the following:

"DEAR BETTY THE BUYER:
Yours of the 18th instant received and contents noted. Much obliged for your words of praise of my barn. I don't know where you heard about it, but your news is o.k. As regards a washing machine for my wife, I wish to state emphatically that she does not own one and never will own one so long as I have any say about it. What does a woman want of a machine-run contraption? Women don't know anything about machinery. They'd be calling on us men all the time to help them run the thing. Washing may be hard work, but I believe women have washed the family linen since the time of Eve and I somehow think there are enough women living to dispute the claim that scrubbing clothes makes for early deaths. Of course I appreciate your interest in writing to me, but I'm afraid you will have to offer something better than a washing-machine to get my order.

Yours respectfully,
"ANDREW JOSEPHS."

The letter was surreptitiously mailed—and its orange-enveloped reply as surreptitiously received, so far, at least, as Maria was concerned. Andrew Josephs hated to admit it but he looked forward rather eagerly to that reply. He wondered with a grin what that Betty person would have to say to his denouncement of the electric washing-machine!

When the reply came he went directly to the barn with it, albeit Maria was watching from the window, anxious to learn if there was anything in the mail for her. (He explained later that he had heard the creaking and was afraid she might kick through the stall.) With no preliminaries this time he tore open the gaily-colored envelope and drew out Betty the Buyer's letter. It was short—the shortest letter he had ever seen. It contained one line:

"Machines wear out. What of women?"

There was a stamped, addressed envelope. Andrew chewed his pencil-stub. Then he scrawled beneath the single line:

"By gum, that's a fact. So do men, so does everything—in time."

That'll settle her, he thought, yet he knew he would be greatly disappointed if he heard no more from that Betty-person.

He did hear more. Orange envelopes arrived on an average of one a week, and orange envelopes were as often delivered into the hands of the rural carrier. Andrew Josephs had not the slightest idea of buying an electric washer—so he told himself—and all the letters in the world could not convince him that they were necessary for the health and happiness of the women about him—at least, he repeated that again and again to himself.

When one day there came enclosed in the Betty letter a printed bit of paper good for ten dollars on the purchase price of any electric-washer in the store, provided he would be kind enough to send the names of ten or more families in Round Prairie which might be interested in washing-machines, Andrew little dreamed how Betty the Buyer was closing in on him. Andrew could no more resist that ten-dollar gift than he could have refused a gold piece that had been actually placed in his hand. He immediately wrote the names of the ten best families in Round Prairie

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An Engagement Announcement Party

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of milk. Shape without kneading and gently roll quite thin. Use a small cutter as the biscuits should be small.

CHEESE WAFERS.—Cover the tops of salted crackers with grated dairy cheese, sprinkle generously with paprika, add a very little salt, and toast in a quick oven until the cheese is softened. Watch very carefully as they quickly harden after the cheese is melted.

MERINGUE SURPRISE.—Six whites of eggs, two cups of granulated sugar, one teaspoon of vanilla, one-fourth teaspoon of cream of tartar, and one teaspoon of vinegar. Beat the egg whites until very stiff, add the cream of tartar, and beat again, then gradually add the sugar and beat about fifteen minutes. Lastly, add vanilla and vinegar and beat five minutes more. Line a pan with paraffin paper, pour in the mixture and bake one hour in a very slow oven. When cold, whip one cup of cream, sweeten and spread over the top, and sprinkle with chopped pecan meats. Place on a fancy serving dish, and surround with candy hearts. If preferred, just before serving, the nuts may be omitted, and crushed sweetened strawberries heaped over the top. This pie will keep perfectly for several days in a closely-covered tin box, providing no cream or fruit has been added.

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES.—Cream together one-half cup of peanut butter and two tablespoons of butter, and beat into it one cup of granulated sugar. Add one egg beaten light and one-half cup of milk. Stir in two cups of flour sifted with four teaspoons of baking powder and one-half teaspoon of salt. Add more flour if necessary, but only sufficient to handle. Shape a little at a time without kneading, roll thin and cut into small rounds. Bake in a quick oven. If desired, a few roasted half peanuts may be pressed into center of each cookie.

JEWEL FRUIT CAKE.—Sift together one-half cup of granulated sugar, one-half cup of flour, one heaping teaspoon of baking powder and one-half teaspoon of salt. Beat the yolks of three eggs to a light yellow and beat in the sugar, then add the three egg whites first beaten stiff and dry. Add one pound of seeded and skinned dates, and one-half pound of English walnut meats chopped fairly fine.

DELICATE CAKE WITH CRIMSON FROSTING.—Sift together one cup of sugar, one and one-half cup of flour, two teaspoons of baking powder, and one-fourth teaspoon of salt. In a measuring cup soften one-fourth of a cup of butter, break two whole eggs onto the butter and fill up the cup with sweet milk. Add this to the dry ingredients and beat hard until smooth and fine grained. Bake in a moderate oven.

FROSTING.—Wash ripe cranberries and heat until the juice is drawn out. Strain through cheese-cloth. To one-half cup of the cranberry juice add one and one-half cup of granulated sugar and a pinch of salt, and boil until a little holds its shape in cold water. Pour gradually over the stiffly-beaten whites of two eggs and beat until smooth and thick. Pour over cold cake.

MAPLE SYRUP FROSTING.—Into the upper part of the double boiler put two-thirds cup of maple syrup and the unbeaten white of one egg. Set into the lower part of the boiler when the water is boiling rapidly, and cook and beat with the egg beater eight minutes. Remove from water and beat until cool enough to spread.

DATES WITH CHEESE STEFFING.—Wash and wipe the dates. Split one side of dates and remove the pits. Soften cream cheese with a little mayonnaise salad dressing, or canned milk, add chopped nuts, and salt and paprika providing milk is used, beat thoroughly together and fill dates. Keep in a cold place until served.

Three Appetizing Breakfast Dishes

SAUSAGE WITH APPLES.—Wipe and core large tart apples. In the center of each insert a sausage, which should project about half way over the apple so that the sausage will bake the apple as it cooks. Bake thoroughly in a hot oven. Serve with corn muffins.

CORN MEAL AND POTATO MUFFINS.—One cup of corn meal, three teaspoons of baking powder, three-fourths teaspoon of salt, one tablespoon of sugar, sifted together. Stir in one-half cup of milk, one beaten egg, one tablespoon of melted shortening, and one cup of mashed potato. Beat hard, adding more milk if necessary to make a medium soft batter. Bake in a quick oven. Makes 12 muffins.

CREOLE CODFISH.—Cut salt codfish into small pieces, cover with cold water and let it stand over night. In the morning change the water if the fish is extra salt, bring slowly to the boiling point (but do not let it boil) and hold it there about fifteen minutes. Drain and shred. In a saucepan melt three tablespoons of butter, add one-half of a small onion thinly sliced, stir until tender and lightly browned, and then add half a green sweet pepper chopped fine. When cooking, slowly add four tablespoons of dry flour and when this is well blended, gradually add one pint of boiling hot milk, season with salt and pepper and cook slowly about ten minutes. Add the prepared codfish, and just before serving add one tablespoon of chili sauce.

POTATO AND MEAT CAKES.—These can be prepared the day before, thus making the breakfast a quickly-prepared meal. Put three tablespoons of butter or bacon fat into a frying-pan and in it brown two rounded teaspoons of scraped onion. Set the pan back and rub into the mixture four even tablespoons of dry flour, then gradually add one cup of hot milk, return to fire and constantly stir until it has thickened and then cooked three minutes. Add one and a half cup of cooked chopped meat, and sufficient fresh mashed potato to make the mixture stiff enough to handle. When cool, shape into cakes, roll in slightly-beaten egg, then in crumbs, and set away. Fry brown in fat.

A registered letter from Russia recently arrived in Newark with 500 or more stamps attached to the back of the envelope by metal fasteners. The stamps exceeded \$1,000 in value at the normal rate of exchange.—Dearborn Independent.

The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

Selecting our Silhouette

So much talk these days about "silhouettes"! One speaks of "the fashionable silhouette," or "the new silhouette." Well, let's consider what that means. A silhouette is the shadow thrown by a figure; it is a figure in outline. If you will stand between a light and the wall at night, you will see your silhouette thrown back against the wall. If you stand facing the wall, it will be a blot or blur; if you stand with your side toward the wall, it will be a profile figure. Well, girls, that's your silhouette!

What kind of a silhouette have you? For that determines whether you are fashionable, attractive, of good figure, and many other things. Suppose you test this out?

Ah! you find that your shoulders round a little, Patty? And as for you, Ellen, your chin bags beneath! And Ruth's waist pokes out in front, and she says a little on one side! What disclosures! And what shall we do about them? Oh, it's very simple. Just take that candle, or lamp or gasjet into your confidence, nightly, and practice standing, lifting the chin, drawing in the abdomen, straightening the spine, until the silhouette on the wall becomes what you feel it should be.

If you are too fat, the lamplight will tell tales at once; if you slouch in standing, there will be the evidence; if you let your shoulders round or your chin droop, the shadows on the wall will do the same.

Every defect of this kind can be remedied. It is not possible to add inches to your nose, but it is possible to remove extra fat from your cheeks and thus give your small nose a chance. Flesh can be added, removed, round shoulders flattened, abdomens decreased, and every fault of posture remedied. So study your silhouette and see what you need.

The first thing, of course, is to remember the correct way of standing which I have told you so many times: heels together, toes slightly apart, weight of body resting on the balls of the feet, so that the body leans slightly—oh, ever so slightly—forward, chin lifted easily, shoulders drooped, chest raised, abdomen drawn in, arms hanging easily at sides.

There is a sitting silhouette, also, though more difficult to perceive through shadows. Better examining that by daylight in front of your mirror, and be sure you do not round the shoulders. Keep the chest always raised and you cannot go far wrong.

A good exercise for the back and the abdomen is to stand erect with the legs about eighteen inches apart, the arms raised straight above the head, palms touching each other, elbows rigid. Now breathe in slowly while you count ten. Be sure the back is straight and that you do not hunch forward because of the raised arms. Now throw them down with force, palms still together, and between the legs as far as they will go, exhaling at the same time. Do not bend knees, bend only at waist. Raise the arms slowly, inhaling again as you mentally count ten; throw arms down again, as before. Repeat ten or fifteen times. This is called "Sawing Wood," and is excellent for the reduction of the abdomen, the strengthening of the spine, and for inducing action of the eliminative organs. Watch your silhouette!

Answers to Questions

VIRGINIA.—At your age your hair should not be turning gray, and if it is, it means that the hair is not properly nourished. I should not use a dye, for the hair never looks natural, and the dye must be repeated and repeated. Also, dyeing hair is a job for the professional, and home-dyed hair is apt to look streaked and unattractive, plainly disclosing what has happened to it. Remember, once you use anything approaching dye on your hair, the damage is done, and you cannot go back to the hair you once had. For that reason I should let dyes alone. What you really need is a general upbuilding of the body so that the scalp gets the nourishment it needs. And you certainly need scalp massage twice daily. So, first, make it your job to eat nourishing food, and plenty of it; cut out foods that are hard to digest, such as pork, veal, fried foods, cabbage, griddle cakes, pie, hot biscuits, and eat instead simple easily digested foods so that you may get from them the most nourishment with the least effort. Have your potatoes baked or boiled and eat them dry and meaty with good fresh butter. Drink milk, eat well-cooked cereal with cream or milk, plenty of fruit, green vegetables, take an extra dish of well-cooked rice with cream and sugar before retiring—that is, unless you are overweight, and I do not believe you are. Have your meats roasted or broiled and eat them medium rare. And chew your food until it is liquid. Cut out coffee and tea; don't drink with your meals. But drink a glass of milk just before lunch or breakfast. See that the eliminative organs work properly; drink plenty of water to help them. Sleep eight or nine hours a night, with fresh air in your room. And, incidentally, massage your scalp night and morning. Dip your finger-tips in olive oil, and after letting the hair down and thoroughly brushing it—though gently, never drag the brush through the hair—slip the fingers of the right hand under the hair at the nape of the head, pressing them firmly against the scalp; and the fingers of the left hand at the left of the head, in the same manner. Now move the scalp back and forth on the skull without lifting the fingers. If the scalp is tight and does not seem to move, persevere. The scalp must be loose on the skull to have healthy hair. But remember, no nourishment can be carried to the scalp unless you provide it, and the hair must be fed if it is to stop turning gray. If you will keep at this scalp massage, day in and day out, and after the body health, new hair will begin to come in. And while it is probably too much to expect that the old hair will regain its color—though it did in the case of a friend of mine—yet the new hair will be healthy in color and will in time take the place of the old. This is a longer process than drying, but infinitely more satisfactory. So try it, my dear!

BLUE EYES.—Powder will clog the pores unless care is taken to keep them clean. Very young girls should not use powder, as their skins are too pretty in their natural condition. When the nose is shiny, the rubbing on of a little powder is permissible, but be sure that the face is thoroughly cleansed at night. One way of getting rid of the shiny nose problem is to use rolled oats in little cheese-cloth bags for washing the face. Make the bags about two by three inches, and fill them half full of oats. Dip them quickly in and out of water and wash the face with the damp bag. A milky liquid will come forth, and after the face is clean, you should not rub it but pat it dry with a soft cloth. A powdery surface will remain, velvety in appearance, and do away with the need for other powder. This is the milky liquid drying on the face.

VINNY.—Yes, my dear, you do not weigh enough for your height. I should try to gain about 25 pounds. I expect that sounds like a big job, but it isn't so very, if you will just keep at it. The first thing to remember is that some foods make fat and some do not, and that some ways of cooking food let the stomach get all the nourishment with little effort, and that other ways make it so hard for the stomach to get the nourishment out of food that it lets half of it get by without extracting any food-building elements from it. So, first, choose your foods properly; then cook them properly. Now, we want to gain weight, so we must choose the kind of foods which make fat. You should eat for breakfast a great bowl of well-cooked cereal with plenty of milk or cream, preferably the latter if you can get it. Make a real breakfast from this, with some bread and butter or buttered toast, and some fruit. Chew the bread until it is liquid. Drink a glass of milk with it, and if you want it, eat a soft-boiled egg. Never eat hard-boiled or fried eggs; they make too much work for your stomach and you do not get the same food value from them. That breakfast is a thoroughly healthful one, and if you have taken a couple of glasses of water after getting up in the morning, and will drink two more in the morning, two more in the afternoon, and two some time after your evening meal, you will be helping things along very nicely. For your midday meal—which I suppose is your heavy meal—eat some baked potatoes, or boiled potatoes, with butter, some green vegetables, such as string beans (not cooked with meat, however, but boiled until tender in plenty of boiling salted water), lettuce, peas, spinach or other greens, beets, tomatoes, summer squash, carrots, etc., etc. For dessert, baked custard, blanc mange, baked apples, or apple sauce, stewed prunes (soaked over night, after washing, then cooked slowly until very soft), ice cream, corn-starch pudding, rice pudding, tapioca pudding, etc. Eat these puddings with cream, which when you can. Any berries, or melons, peaches, pears, etc., make good desserts. For your evening meal, bread and milk make a fine dish, with some fruit for dessert. Or a baked potato, large and fat, and plenty of bread and butter, and some fruit. An extra dish of rice, sugar and milk or cream, taken before you go to bed will help to add pounds to your weight. Your pimples and your sallow complexion will disappear in a short time if you persevere in drinking lots of water, eating fruit, and bathing the body daily. I did not mention meats for your midday meal, but of course meat is desirable for strength. Bacon is all right for you, chicken, roasted, or broiled—but not fried—or broiled or baked fish, or broiled or roasted meat. Pork and veal are hard to digest, so must be chewed very thoroughly indeed, and are better left alone, where one is trying hard to gain. Beef, mutton and lamb are good meats for you. If you are broiled or broiled, and eaten not too well done. The wrinkles under your eyes come from not having flesh or fat enough under your skin to stretch the skin properly. Go to work and add as many pounds as you can and you will find the wrinkles disappearing. Your bust too small for your waist and hips, but that will increase as you build your body up. Your bust and hips should be the same measurement, and the waist ten inches smaller. If you wear a corset, be sure you put it on right so that you do not push the flesh down around the hips and make them too large for the rest of your body. Unlace the corset, take it off, loosen the strings out wide—then slip the corset on and fasten up the front, fasten the corset garters to the stockings, then lace the corset, or rather draw the laces of the corset to fit the figure. You will find this difficult to do unless you put your corset strings in properly in the first place. Bind the middle of the strings, and put that at the top of the corset; then lace in the ordinary way until you reach the waist-line, when instead of crossing over with your string, put each string through the hole just below it, and again start lacing across until you reach about four or five inches below the waist, when do the same thing again. This will give you a loop to pull at each side of the waist, and a loop to pull about half way below the waist, each side of the corset. Of course if you wear a short corset, there will be no room for this lower loop, and you will only lace it in this way at the waist-line. After you have fastened the front and the garters, you will then pull down the loops in the back until the corset is adjusted to the figure. Unlace before taking off—that is, loosen the laces before taking off. In this way no superfluous flesh will be pushed down on the hips, and the figure will be kept in proportion. As to the itching head, shampoo once in two weeks with a shampoo liquid made by shaving half a bar of white household soap into a quart of boiling water and keeping it on the stove until dissolved. Lather the head with a little of this at a time, rinse off, lather again, rubbing hair and scalp thoroughly, then rinse many times. Dry in the sun, brush gently. You have been using a sharp comb or a stiff brush on your scalp. That will irritate it. Every night dip your finger-tips in olive oil, lightly, and massage the scalp as I have directed "Virginia."

ALMA.—Superfluous hair on the face should be treated carefully, as most depilatories only bring the hair back more noticeably. It is safe and sure to use peroxide of hydrogen one day to dampen the hairy spots, and ammonia the next day. Keep this up until the hair disappears. It is a slow process, but the peroxide bleaches the hair and the ammonia dries it up. Under the arms it is permissible to use a depilatory, which means that it must be taken off every little bit. I should use nothing on my face at all, unless I had a real growth. Many young girls exaggerate the light down that

is on their faces. I have seen girls who have shaved their faces, and then the hair comes back so thick and so fast that they are ashamed to go out. So, if you have any hair on your face, do not shave it. Use the peroxide and ammonia as I have directed, and the hair will disappear. If you have any hair on your arms, legs, or elsewhere, do not shave it. Use the peroxide and ammonia as I have directed, and the hair will disappear. If you have any hair on your face, do not shave it. Use the peroxide and ammonia as I have directed, and the hair will disappear.

SHOULDERS A LITTLE TOO ROUNDED, THOUGH POSITION OTHERWISE GOOD.—We all have on our faces, and undertake to remove that; very often only aggravating the condition. There is nothing unbecoming about a little down on the face; it is only when the hair becomes black and mustache, or long and noticeable, that one need do anything about it. Examine closely the faces of the people you know and whom you think quite good looking and you will find that practically all of them have hair in some form on their faces, yet you never noticed it before. People do not notice any small amount of hair you may have, either.

MOTHER.—Your hair is splitting and growing thin because your body is not nourishing it sufficiently. The fact that you nurse your baby, as of course you should, means that you need yourself a great deal more nourishment than ordinary in order to feed her and keep your own body up to normal. So try your best to take more nourishment; milk, well-cooked cereal, boiled rice with sugar and cream, soft-boiled eggs, baked potatoes. Be sure that the bowels function. Get all the sleep you possibly can. After you have weaned the baby, it will be easier, but even then you must be careful to keep well-fed, and well taken care of. You need sleep, food. The hair probably does not need any special local treatment—it is only crying out for food, just as your baby would if you neglected it. So answer that cry, by systematically pouring easily digested food into your body at regular intervals—milk, cream, cereals, fruits, lean medium rare meat, bacon, green vegetables, fresh fruits. Be your own patient and treat yourself well.

LOTTIE.—French heels are not at all fashionable except for dancing pumps or slippers. For street



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wear, a quite low flat heel is the most worn by fashionable women; for those who are short, a high heel but of military shape—that is, with a large base instead of the small French base. Your height does not require anything of the kind; you should be both fashionable and comfortable by choosing low heels. Even for your pumps and slippers, I should choose what they call the opera heel—which is a sort of French heel, that is with a small base—but only half the ordinary height of this kind of heel. This is a very fashionable heel, except for short women or those who have an arch which is not comfortable in a low heel. For walking, never under any circumstances wear a high heel—it is distinctly unfashionable as well as unhealthy. No, my dear, you do not weigh too much—you could even stand a few more pounds!

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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is nice for starting all garden plants and every house should grow flowers. I love flowers, children and chickens and they get every minute of my spare time. I raise the single comb brown Leghorn chickens and I raise them extra good layers. I would not raise a mixed breed of chickens as many farm women do. I have read of the Golden Wyandottes and would like to learn more about that breed. Every woman that lives where there is plenty of space can raise the large breeds to furnish meat for the table and the smaller breeds for eggs.

I must hurry now for Mrs. Wilkinson will shoo me.

With love to all the kind sisters,
MRS. F. F. MULLIKIN.

ARAGO, MINN.

DEAR SISTERS AND MRS. WILKINSON:
I can promise not to take up much room if you will only let me come in, for I weigh only a little over one hundred pounds. And I'll only stay a minute for I get tired so soon, not tired of your company (that couldn't happen) but I'm a semi-invalid, have been for the past four years, and cannot stay up long.

I come to ask a favor of you all. I'd like to have the sisters send me post-cards, and I hope you will even though I shall not be able to answer them. My reason for asking this is to help pass away the long, idle hours. I hear someone whisper that they have no idle hours. I wouldn't either if I were well and strong but I've been in bed most of the time since I was taken sick. Some days I feel quite well, then I do fancy work. I like to crochet, tat, knit and do raffia work. Can make pretty paper flowers and we make lots of trimmings for our Christmas tree. I also mend and patch but the sisters don't generally mention that branch of fancy work though I am sure they all have to do it. On the days that I am too tired to do these things I read and it is for those days of which there are many, that I want to look at your post-cards. My birthday is in June but I will not ask for a birthday shower as this letter may not appear until after that, and, besides, I like a variety of views and will ask each of you to choose what you like best to send me.

I live on a farm of 250 acres, twelve miles from Park Rapids. This is noted for summer resorts as there is such pretty scenery, lots of lakes and fine fishing. The Itasca State Park is only nineteen miles from my home and there is where the Mississippi River begins its long journey. There are all kinds of wild animals in the park, including elk, moose, deer and bear. Many tourists come here every summer and mamma earns pin money by selling fresh vegetables to them. We have one acre of ground for a garden and raise everything for our own use for summer and winter. Mamma cans a big winter supply of vegetables and fruits and in winter we can mince-meat, fresh beef, soup, cure and smoke pork and also fry down fresh sausages and pork chops for summer use.

Mamma does all the sewing and knitting for a family of nine, besides sending three children to school and taking care of me, so don't you think she is pretty busy? The children help her all they can but they haven't much time as we live two and one-half miles from school so they must leave home early and it is late before they get back. We have a covered rig with a stove in it for cold weather.

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Some Danger Signals of Babyhood

HERETOFORE each topic that I have chosen as the subject of a monthly talk in this department has taken all the space that could be spared for that purpose in a single issue and sometimes had to be continued in the following number, but this month my little lecture will cover several matters no less important for parents to know about though requiring less space for explanation. If parents will heed these cautions and instructions it will enable them in many a case to save baby from life-long suffering or maybe from immediate fatal consequences.

As soon as baby is born, a few drops of one per cent. solution of nitrate of silver or twenty per cent. solution of argyrol should be dropped in baby's eyes, taking care to get the solution well under each lid. This should be done by the doctor or nurse in attendance but, although required by law in many of the States, it is sometimes neglected, and such neglect may, and sometimes does, result in the child becoming totally blind for life. Therefore the parents should see to it that this precautionary treatment, the importance of which cannot be over-estimated, be promptly administered in every case to prevent possible infection of a nature that might destroy the baby's sight. The statistics of blindness in babies are almost unbelievable, and when we stop to think that many, if not all, these cases of infant blindness are preventable by this simple means we realize that neglect is unpardonable.

Another important thing to bear in mind is the proper tying of the cord, as there is great danger of hemorrhage if this is not properly done. Also see that the abdominal band is properly put on, with the end of the cord tapering upward toward the chin. The abdominal band will support the weak abdominal muscles if baby cries or strains. The cord stump can be well covered with clean absorbent cotton, which dries it up quickly as anything, and this is the object to be realized. The greasy rag so often used is not an absorbent and there is great danger of infection. The stump of the cord dries up in about five days. In washing baby notice if the navel protrudes, and I speak of this because often if baby cries a great deal you may get an umbilical hernia. This is not serious if noticed and properly treated. The treatment is to take a button about one inch in diameter, covering it with absorbent cotton, the rounded or convex surface being covered to make it soft and unobtrusive; with this press the navel in and hold the button there with strips of adhesive plaster put on so as to form a cross. This dressing if properly applied holds the parts in their normal position and you soon get the parts strongly healed. You can change the cotton and adhesive plaster often enough to keep them clean, and if this is worn a few months you can cure the hernia and thereby eliminate the necessity of an operation or truss to hold it in position. An umbilical hernia in young babies is not an uncommon condition.

Just a few words in regard to leaving medicine, pills, screws, etc., around where baby can get hold of them and swallow them, as you all know the first thing a baby will do with anything is to put it into its mouth. It ought not to be necessary to speak of this as everyone knows of these dangers and the unfortunate results we hear about so often, but our object in referring to it is to increase your vigilance.

There should be a shelf or closet for all medicines and each bottle or box ought to be properly marked or labeled. If a baby is taken suddenly ill we always have to take into consideration the possibility of its being poisoned by some medicine taken unbeknownst to anyone, or of its being infected or injured by some foreign body it has swallowed.

Volumes have been written about feeding the baby and everyone seems to agree that the ideal food for a baby is the healthy mother's milk.

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If for some reason it is not possible for the mother to nurse the baby, we have to consider cow's milk and the different baby foods. Modified cow's milk may seem to be an ideal food, but one danger that we have to consider is that the cow may not be healthy, may be tubercular. In some States the cows are tested and examined, but I am sorry to say that this is not the law all over the country. Without doubt in many cases where modified milk does not agree with baby it is on account of the milk not being right. Let us hope that this can be overcome and that these poor helpless babies will not be exposed to the danger of drinking milk from diseased cows. A baby properly fed and given the proper amount of exercise and sleep out in the open air will not have many of the ailments that cause us so much worry and trouble, and is less susceptible to even the infectious and contagious diseases.

Many of the deformities of babies, especially of their feet, if properly treated can easily be corrected before they are two years old. Often at this early age, a corrected deformity held in position by a plaster of Paris cast for a few weeks will save an operation and a lifetime, and with better hopes for a perfect result. It is a solemn duty that parents owe their children, that they start them in life well equipped physically, their future education depending on the financial condition of their parents and the ambition of the child.

It is an impossibility to keep education away from one who has the ambition and courage to go out for it.

Subject for our next month's talk: "Summer Diseases of Babies."

Questions and Answers

FEEDING BABY.—I would like to know what to feed my baby and how often, as I am going to wean her. She does not get sleep enough, going to sleep at 8 P. M., awakening several times during the night, then gets up at 6:30 A. M., gets one or two hours sleep during day. Mrs. C. M. H., Mt. Vernon, Ill.

A.—Feeding a baby after weaning depends on various things according to its age. If only a few weeks old I should suggest at first: milk, two ounces; water, four ounces; sugar of milk, one-half teaspoonful; keep increasing the milk until at six months the baby is taking equal parts of milk and water, as follows: milk, three ounces; water, three ounces; sugar of milk, one teaspoonful; time-water, one tablespoonful. You keep on increasing the proportion of spoonful milk until at the ninth month the baby is taking pure milk, with time-water, one tablespoonful to three ounces.

Until the baby is three months old, it should be fed every two hours, during day, one or two feedings during night, but after third month, feed every three hours, and no night feedings. This is a good rule to follow, but you must follow it with reason, and the baby fast asleep and does not get a good meal at bedtime and awakens in the night hungry, feed it by all means, although night feeding after the third or fourth month as a regular thing is not advisable. Babies can become like night-watchmen, eating during night-time and keeping its guardian awake.

Milk is a good food at any age; after weaning baby, oatmeal gruel, cream of wheat, stale wheat bread, toasted, baked potato, codded egg, chicken broth, meat soups not greasy, are all good in addition to milk.

Most of the trouble of babies lying awake nights is caused by their being hungry, the want of food, or the indigestion caused by taking food that does not digest properly. Mrs. E. B. Forston, Minn., does not digest properly. Mrs. E. B. Forston, Minn., does not digest properly. Mrs. E. B. Forston, Minn., does not digest properly.

A.—A nursing mother should keep her own bowels and digestion in a normal condition and the baby's will be normal.

Would suggest that you be careful what you eat, and take two teaspoonfuls of oil, cod liver oil, after each meal, and if the baby does not improve, wean it and put her on modified milk. Have baby sleep and exercise out in the open air all that is possible.

SCABS, ERUPTIONS FROM ANEMIA AND MALNUTRITION.—What can I do for my five-months-old baby that has scabs, eruptions on head and face and itches very badly? Mrs. V. K., Herber, Wisc.

A.—Should give him syrup of iodine of iron, two drops, three times a day, in water. Should wash parts twice a day with Dakin's solution, then apply a little sulphur ointment. Please read the foregoing: Mrs. J. L. Guernsey, Wyo., also Mrs. C. L. Manington, W. Va.

CLOTHING FOR BABY.—Should a baby born in May wear wool or silk shirts? Should I get outing gowns or raincoats? Mrs. J. H. Sapulpa, Okla.

A.—Should advise the woolen shirts as they absorb quickly. I think the outing preferable to raincoats.

FONTANELLES CLOSING.—My baby girl is three months old and when she was born, the soft place on her head was the size of a ten-cent piece. They tell me if this closes too quickly, she will die, or not be right mentally. Is this true? She is very bright and healthy now.

A.—The gradual closing of the fontanelles is a natural physiological act, and will not cause your baby girl any trouble or affect her mental condition.

NIGHT SWEATS.—Can you tell me the cause and relief of my five-months-old baby sweating at night until his clothing is wet?

A.—Night sweats are a symptom of some severe constitutional disease like tuberculosis, or a serious run-down condition, but may be of nervous origin. Would suggest examination by your competent physician to find the cause in your baby's case.

RICKETS.—What can I feed my eleven-months-old baby who has rickets, as she does not seem to gain. One shoe is higher than the other, and her head sweats a great deal. Should she take a tonic?

A.—Should put her on a nourishing diet, cow's milk, cream, beef juice squeezed from fresh steak, broths, stale bread-crumbs in milk, and have her cut out doors all you can. The lack of such cases, usually a lack of salts in the body, so put two or three teaspoonfuls of lime-water in milk or other liquid foods per day; also give a few grains of bicarbonate of soda in her food. Give her one teaspoonful of Maltine and Cod Liver Oil, three times a day.

CONSTIPATION AND INDIGESTION.—What can I do for my four-months-old baby, as he throws up his food, does not seem to digest it? He slobbers all the time and bites his hands.

A.—Keep your own bowels regular and your digestion normal and your nursing baby's will be the same. Take Nujol in teaspoonful doses often enough to keep bowels regular, or teaspoonful doses of fluid extract of cascara sagrada.

The slobbering and biting his hands would indicate that he was teething.

DIET DURING PREGNANCY AND AFTER: BABY'S BAND.—What foods should a mother avoid during pregnancy and after confinement? How long should a baby wear its band?

A.—During pregnancy a mother should have a good generous diet, avoiding any foods that cause indigestion and gas, being especially careful to keep bowels regular and to know that kidneys are performing their proper functions. After confinement the same suggestion would hold good, only that she must take milk and other liquids in the amounts needed to furnish proper food for the baby.

If baby has indigestion and gas, the mother must avoid acids and indigestible foods. (b) Baby should wear band two years, or until it gets its teeth.

UNDERWEIGHT, ANEMIA.—I have a boy seven years old who weighs 35 pounds, has yellow, sallow complexion. He catches heartily but on meats and sweets. Please suggest diet and treatment.

A.—Your boy's color would indicate a torpid liver, and I would suggest cutting down on the sugars and fats, that is the meats and sweets. Have him take milk, three or four glasses each day, vegetables, cereals with cod liver oil, not much sugar. Should give him teaspoonful doses of Neferrum, three times a day after meals.

SUCKING THUMBS, BIRTHMARKS, AFTERNOON CRYING SPELLS.—Will it cause my baby's mouth or fat to be ugly shaped if baby sucks his fist, and how can I stop it? (b) What causes birthmarks, and

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how can they be removed? (c) What causes my baby to cry late in the afternoon and evening?

A.—Sucking the thumb or fist is a harmless matter and will not cause any deformity. Any harmless preparation that tastes badly, like vinegar or alum, put on fist will usually stop the sucking of thumb or fist.

(B) We do not believe in birthmarks, but if your baby has any disfiguring mark, any abnormal growth, both of which are caused by pressure, or disturbed cell formation, go to some competent surgeon and he will advise you what to do. There is no general suggestion or advice that would be applicable to all cases.

(C) A baby, or even adult, becomes tired in the late afternoon and evening, and at times may become irritable.

Mrs. L. H., Swan Quarter, N. C., please read the foregoing.

HOW LONG.—What can I do for a baby eighteen months old who is bow-legged?

A.—You can do a whole lot for him by massage, rubbing, of course using your pressure so as to correct deformity. If you do not get perfect result from this persistent rubbing, have your physician correct the shape of the legs, by extreme pressure under ether, put on plaster of Paris bandage, and have him wear it six weeks. Do not encourage baby to walk until he is stronger.

SUCKING LIP.—What can I do for my five-months-old baby, who sucks his lip all the time?

A.—This is one of the almost unaccountable habits that babies take up. Stop him doing it whenever you can, giving him rubber ring or something to suck and he will soon give up the habit.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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I said I'd only stay a minute and I'm like the little boy whose mother asked him how many seconds there were in a minute. He said: "Which kind do you mean, mother, a regular minute or one of those great, long wait-a-minute and that's the kind I meant."

With best wishes and good luck to all.

FRIEDA HEMMERICH.

BRIGHTON, OREGON.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS: I have been a reader of COMFORT for only a few months but after seeing a sister's letter requesting the ideas of others on remarriage, I decided to write of my own experience and let her judge for herself.

At the age of eighteen I was left a widow with two babies, one seventeen months old and one just a week old. I went home to father and mother but it was no longer home to me after having had one of the dearest men and homes in the world. Besides, I felt as though I were lonely and in the way. A year after my husband's death I met a man who loved me and wanted me to marry him. I also cared for him. At first I thought of the children for I did not want to run the risk of having them misused. He said he loved my babies and would be a regular father to them so we were married. The children loved him from the first and he is always ready to wait on their many wants and answer their childish questions. They think Daddy is the only one ever and will do anything for him and mind him better than they will me. We also have a baby boy, eight months old. I have never regretted my second marriage for a minute as my husband is so good to us all.

But I will say if you are not sure this man loves children, don't marry him for a man who doesn't care for children won't care for those that aren't his own. Now for a bit about myself. I am in the twenties, five feet, three inches tall, weigh 110 pounds, have grey eyes and auburn hair.

Best wishes to all readers. Mrs. J. G. KRAKE.

Laddie of Mine

By Clara Miehlm

There's a little house on the hilltop
Snuggled closely among the trees
And every eve, at twilight,
A song wafts out on the breeze.
A song that is glad, yet lonely,
But filled with a hope divine;
It's the little old lady singing,
"Laddie, dear laddie of mine."

Will you come home in the springtime,
Or will it be in the fall?
But laddie was many a mile away
And never came home at all.
He sleeps in the land of the Lilies
With other lads, stalwart and fine.
The little old lady keeps singing,
"Laddie, dear laddie of mine."

Her eyes with sad tears grow dimmer,
Her hopes and her dreams all die,
Though she knows she will meet her laddie
In the sweet, sweet life to come.
Far away from the land of the Lilies,
Far away from the battle line,
Still she keeps singing and singing,
"Laddie, dear laddie of mine."

He sleeps in the land of the Lilies;
She sleeps in the land of the Free,
For death called, and she answered
Gently, with sweet humility.
And she never knew that her laddie,
In France "neath a sheltering pine,
Heard her sing, as he dreamed in the shadows,
"Laddie—dear laddie of mine."

—Detroit News.

The Mother

"She never touched with skillful brush the canvas,
And left a picture that the world might praise,
Or, with inspired fingers on the keyboard,
Sent down an echo through the length of days.

But once with eyes tearstained yet looking upward,
With smiling lips she passed beneath the rod,
Descending almost to the Vale of Shadows,
To bring a little newborn soul from God.

"She never sang a song of joy or sadness,
In clear, sweet tones, to make us smile or weep.
Her voice, too weak to win the world's approval,
Was only good to hush a babe to sleep.

"She never penned a book whose glowing pages
Might lift us up and help us in the fight.
But day by day she sought with loving patience
To guide two little stumbling feet aright.

"And yet, mayhap when at the gate of Heaven
She paused, God looked at her and smiled,
With hand outstretched, His kind voice spoke a
welcome

To her, the mother of a little child."

(Author unknown.)

NORWICH, 8 West Railroad St., N. Y.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON: I have been a reader of COMFORT for only four months but I wish to reply to Lena's letters. My life has been practically the same as hers, for the last seven years. My husband was extremely jealous of my first husband's children; he thought I cared more for them than I did for him and it wasn't long before I had reason for feeling that way. He was the best man in the world to me when he didn't feel jealous but I was not allowed to speak to men, or women either at times. I tried to live a Christian life and if I brought up this subject I was ridiculed. Now I will tell you what I did: I left. After some time

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my imaginary conscience told me I was doing wrong by not taking him for better or for worse and I did him back, only to live the same life over. I did this several times until I was just ruining my child's happiness and my own, too. It was a hard thing to do but the last time he came back I refused to see him and although today he is dead, I really feel no regret for not trying it all over again.

A little poem I like is:

"What's the use of ever sighing,
Might as well go long and smile,
Life, our longest, greatest sorrow,
Only lasts a little while."

Surely my letter does not read like "Heartbroken" does it, but I am not heartbroken. I have a good peace of mind and know that God knows all and I have all. I can hold my religious belief now and I have learned the great lesson of not to worry. Actually, I do not worry over a thing. God says, "Ask and you will receive and you will receive." My father-in-law is to get so close to God that you can feel His love and He will tell you what to do.

I am a middle-aged woman, past forty, work every week day in a mill to support two children and do my housework at night. I do not work on Sunday. I did I always lose before the week is over if I work on Sunday. I am perfectly happy and contented and each night I thank God for our health, our strength

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"That creates hope, certainly, but offers no proof, and it is not sentimentality but reality that we are trying to discover now. I don't want to hurt you, dear, but I will not advise you to think too strongly of this mistaken parentage. Those things sometimes occur; but they are cases which are few in number, and happen more often in novels than in real life. Can we go and see Doctor Judson now?"

"He told me to bring you as soon as you came."
"Then I should like to go over all the ground with him at once. Let us go."

She arose immediately, and standing there with the declining sun making shadows among the shrubbery about her, she exclaimed:

"Yes; let us go! I am impatient to know all that is possible for me to know, and to hear what you will have to say to each other. But I shall not hear for praying—praying to the God of the helpless that it may prove true that I am not the daughter of Paul Reade, that I am not the offspring of a scoundrel and a thief!"

A sudden exclamation caught their attention, and turning, Marian saw Mrs. King. She had fallen against a trunk of a tree, and half-lay there, looking up at her with wildly startled eyes. Marian sprang toward her and lifted her gently.

"What is it?" she asked. "Have you hurt yourself? Are you ill?"

"No, no!" gasped the woman. "I thought you were in the house. I was passing here, and I heard your last words. Tell me quickly! What Paul Reade was it of whom you spoke? Name something by which I can know! What is your own first name, and what was his mother's?"

"My name is Marian. His mother's is Janet."

"The words were scarcely coherent under excitement; but Mrs. King understood."

"It must be!" she panted—"It must be! God has sent me deliverance at last! If it is the Paul Reade who has wrecked my life, then he is not your father, child, but I—I, the unfortunate, wretched creature who have scarcely seen the light of day for sixteen long years—I, whom he has kept confined as he would a dog, that was mad—I, who have suffered as no human being ever did and retained her reason—I am your mother!"

CHAPTER XXXII.

MRS. KING'S STORY.

Marian looked from Underwood to Mrs. King and back again in the utmost bewilderment. It seemed to her that she had run the gamut of surprises, surprises that were horrible and those that were pleasurable; but, surely, this was the greatest of all.

She could think of nothing to say, remember nothing that she should do, and even Underwood, losing the characteristic presence of mind of manhood, seemed stunned, and for the moment as completely at sea as if he, too, were a hysterical woman.

But he recovered himself more quickly than Marian, and, going forward hastily, he lifted Mrs. King and stood her on her feet.

"You are nervous and excited," he said soothingly. "This coincidence is very strange, certainly, and requires careful investigation, but you must wait until you are better able to be coherent on the subject. Let me take you to your room."

Mrs. King smiled faintly. She leaned heavily upon him, trembling violently, but there was more of calmness in her voice than in her manner, as she replied:

"Yes, I am both excited and nervous; but the worst is over now. I have waited too long to let this opportunity go. I can wait no longer. Silence would be the greatest possible torture to me now. It would increase my excitement to hysteria. Don't try to stop me now. Let us go on with the explanation. There can be no rest until that is done."

She put out her hand to Marian with the same faint smile still resting upon her lips, and with something like a feeling of awe Marian took it. It raised it to her lips, noting how thin and transparent it was; then she held it in a warm, close clasp, and assisted Underwood as he led Mrs. King to the seat they had vacated.

"Since you will have it so," he said indulgently, "we may as well go on; but had our conversation not best take place here?"

"Yes," assented Mrs. King. "Let me tell you the story of my life here; then, if it should prove that I am wrong, that this young girl's life has no connection whatever with mine, at least, I may trust you to keep silent upon the subject until my mission will have been accomplished."

"You may trust us to help you all that lies in our power," answered Underwood kindly. "But from what has already been said, I think I am justified in adding that I don't believe you will discover that the story of your life is unconnected with hers."

He placed Mrs. King upon the seat and sat beside her, while Marian knelt in the long grass at her feet, still holding the hand that had been firmly extended to her. The girl's cheeks were flushed, and her eyes were dancing with excite-

FAMILY FAULTS By Jean O'Brien

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ONCE I heard a boy of eighteen say, laughingly, "This is why boys leave home." He said it after his mother had opened his mail one morning. She only smiled and said, "Oh, I knew you couldn't be getting any important letters."

I have known many sisters who open their brother's mail, and many brothers who give their sister's letters the "once over." A most serious fault. What is intolerable conduct in a stranger, is still more intolerable from a near relative with whom one must live every day.

But of this mail-opening I have not heard nearly so many complaints as of another thing. The most awful family failing, and the most prevalent, to judge by observation as well as hearsay, is the sin, yes, the sin, of trying to appropriate one member's friend or friends, to destroy the sacredness of individual friendship, and to make the friend of one, the common and no longer sacred companion, of a whole family.

It should be plain to every person of even ordinary intelligence that the friend who loves one member of a family can hardly adore the whole group. It should be quite as plain, therefore, that the friend, who calls often, is not interested, save through politeness, in the others.

Individual friendships should be more sacred in a house than elsewhere, for if a girl or boy, man or woman, cannot reveal individuality there, then he or she must pose all through life.

It is often true, unfortunately, that a friend recognizes talents and virtues in one of the family which the other members did not know existed. To live all one's life with another is not always enough to know that other.

Friendship is the world's greatest talent-discoverer. The brightest spot in every great man's, in every great woman's life, is friendship. Is not the family big enough, great enough, to leave this wonderful gift to any one of their group? Do not forget the biting sarcasm of the old phrase, "One can choose his friends, but not his relations."

For the sake of unity of family groups, for the sake of hospitality, all of you who live in a family recognize and respect the rights of others to their friends. Don't let your constant presence be a restraint to friendly converse. Don't urge your own friends to meet your family too often. People in families lose many friends by this urging. Recognize even a child's right to the affection of friends. Don't try to get the child's friends for your own.

Acknowledge that every member of a family has a right to individual friends. Just as every member, when circumstances permit, has a right to an individual room.

If you get so far as to acknowledge this, it should be easy to agree that each member of the family has a right to cultivate his own talents and to use, or display, his own taste.

Nothing of creation was ever more beautiful than she appeared, as she knelt there in the waning light.

Mrs. King bent forward and kissed her upon the lips, looking into the lovely eyes with an affection that could belong to none but a mother. Her heart was speaking, while the proof remained mute; but motherhood flows silently from the soul, and needs no court of justice to make knowledge perfect.

She looked into the sweet face for some moments in silence, and then she turned more quietly to Underwood.

"You see, I am quite calm now," she said gently. "I have endured so much that nothing has the power to upset me long. I have learned resignation. I had ceased to hope to ever again behold the face of my child, and yet I know that, in spite of all doubt, I am looking at her now. I believe that I intuitively knew it the moment that I looked into her eyes. I believe my mother-heart knew its offspring before my lips had spoken one word to her."

She was silent for a moment again, looking earnestly at Marian, and Underwood did not have the heart to bid her not to hope, whatever his masculine practicality might have thought. He did not speak, but waited for her to continue.

It was to him that she told the story, to him that her eyes were directed, even while she held Marian's hand closest, even when she felt the tender arm steal about her waist, and felt the breath of her own child upon her cheek.

"It is useless," she began, "to go back into the past further than Marian's birth, and, therefore, I shall only say of those days that I was married to a man whom I did not appreciate. I was young and foolish; he, wise, wealthy, and beyond his first youth. He was a man who loved his books, loved science, loved art, loved research, while I thought only of society and flattery. I shall not try to spare myself in this recital, for at least the misery of the past has taught me justice."

"I loved Horace Morehead. I know it now, though then, in my blind foolishness, I told myself that I hated him. I was jealous of his books, jealous of his friends, jealous of anything that took his time and attention from me. But I had so little experience that I understood nothing of all that. He was so wise, that it seemed to me that he must despise me for my ignorance, and in hating myself, I believed that I hated him."

"But all this while I did not try to improve myself. I did not strive to make myself the more his companion. I only lived the more for myself and fashion, striving to make myself believe I did not care. But it grew to be a bitter burden to me, and my hatred for him grew until it seemed almost a mania—this thing which I called hatred, but which was only the most senseless, insane jealousy."

"And then my baby was born! For a time I hoped that would win him from his habits of seclusion, but after the first flush of maternity was over he seemed to forget us both—baby and me—and was more deeply buried in his books than ever before. I resented this as never woman did. My whole nature and womanhood rose in rebellion."

"I have neglected to tell you that at this time we were living in New Orleans, and to that city came a young and handsome man, who seemed to comprise in his person everything which my husband most admired. He was a dilettante in almost every line. He wrote poetry that found favor with the press. He had written a book, the sound philosophy of which had pleased my husband, even before he met the author. He was something of an artist, certainly a connoisseur of art, and a clever, though not a great, musician."

"While I was still an invalid he became a frequent visitor at the house. My husband always welcomed him royally, and while the greater part of his time was passed in the study, I observed that the period passed in the drawing-room or the nursery—for he had obtained the position of friend of the household—seemed the happiest one to him. That man was Paul Reade!"

"Oh! how can I go on? How can I tell you of the insidious manner in which he poisoned my mind still more against my husband? How can I tell you of the daily intercourse in which he seemed to me the personification of all that man should be? My indignation against my husband was growing with each hour, and against that background I seemed to see nothing but perfection in Paul Reade. And then the time came when I knew that he—loved me!"

"He did not tell me in words, but he let me see it in every act of his daily life. He let me see it in every tender little attention that man can pay to woman. He let me read it in the

contrast between him and my husband. He did not speak to me of my husband's neglect, but he made me feel his sympathy, and he knew me well enough to understand that while I would have resented any spoken words, his unspoken sympathy touched my heart in its most vulnerable point.

"And then when my baby was less than six months old, her father died suddenly."

Mrs. King paused. The horror that had come into her eyes as she continued the recital had increased. She felt the arm that encircled her waist grow tighter, and it gave her strength to continue, though her voice was fainter as she went on. No one else spoke, and no voice save hers broke the stillness.

"I did not realize even then that I loved him more than all the world. I did not understand that the loss I had sustained was one that would affect my whole after-life. The doctors called it disease of the heart, and he was buried. He had not even bidden me good night on the night that he died, and my resentment was there even against the dead. And then—well, Paul Reade was more than ever my friend, my protector, my—I blush to say it—lover!"

"I need not recount all that time. I need not particularize the means that he used to accomplish his ends. I believed that my husband had never loved me. I believed that Paul Reade did, and with my foolish heart crying out for the affection that had been denied it through all those years of my young life, I yielded to his entreaties, and when my baby's father had been in his grave scarce six months, I became the wife of another man!"

"But I was ashamed of it. Somehow, I felt that I had brought disgrace on that little life by giving it two fathers when it was scarcely one year old; and I persuaded Paul to take me away from New Orleans. He consented. Seeing how I felt, he proposed that he should tell his relatives that we had been married four years before and that Marian was his own child. Since that marriage was legal, I saw no objection to that, and since Paul Reade had been away from his native state for more than three years there was no reason why it should not be successfully carried out."

"We agreed upon that plan. We took the fortune which my husband had left to his wife and child, and for six months we traveled about the country—in Europe, and over half the world. It was then that I learned the true character of Paul Reade. I discovered him to be a thief—a gambler! He was kind enough to me until I refused to give him money, and then the man's fiendish temper broke out, and I knew that my master had found me through physical force."

"Then I began to realize what Horace Morehead had been to me. I began to understand how I had loved him. I began to see how much a man he really had been, and I loathed myself that I had not been a better wife; that I had not tried to comprehend him, that I had not striven to be a companion instead of a drag upon him. He grew then to be a sort of god to me, and I worshipped his memory as I had really worshipped him in life without knowing it."

"This seems, I know, like mere sentiment, and a man can never forgive the hanging of destiny upon sentiment; but it is only the groundwork of what occurred later. The money, which had seemed ample in the beginning, became scarcer and scarcer. The constant drain, which was indeed terrible, with nothing added from any source, had well-nigh exhausted the supply, for Paul's losses, notwithstanding his dishonest principles at cards, were something stupendous. And then one day the end came."

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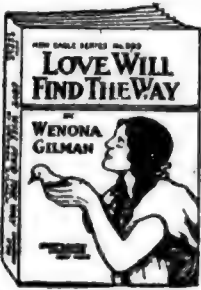
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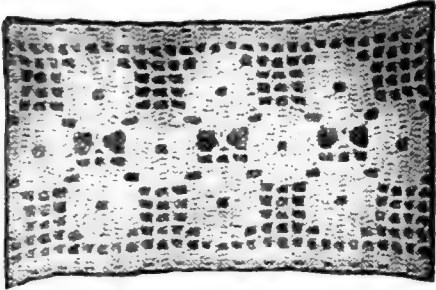
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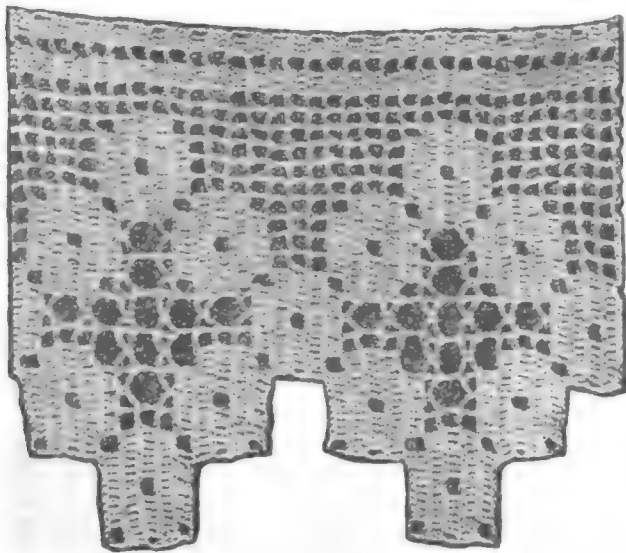
Cranberry Insertion and Edging

Ch 54, turn.
1st row—3 d c in 3 sts, ch 2, sk 2, 1 d c, repeat, making 5 more sps, 3 blks (10 d c), 6 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.
2nd row—3 d c, 5 sps, 5 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.
3rd row—1 blk, 5 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.
4th row—Same as 3rd row.
5th row—1 blk, 2 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.



CRANBERRY INSERTION.

6th row—1 blk, 1 sp, 5 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, begin doubles in next sp and make 5 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.
7th row—1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, ch 3, 1 s c under ch 5 in last row, ch 3, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.
8th row—Same as 6th row, ch 19, turn.
9th row—5 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, ch 5, 1 d c on d c beyond sp in last row, ch 5, 1 d c on 1st d c in next blk in last row, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.
10th row—1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 5 blks, 5 closed lacets as in 6th and 8th rows 1 sp, 5 blks, ch 3, turn.
11th row—2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 5 chs of 5 over lacets, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.
12th row—Same as 10th, ch 5, turn.
13th row—3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, ch 5, 1 d c, ch 5, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 s c over center 4th lacet, 2 d c under ch of 3 lacet, 1 d c on d c, 2 d c under ch 1 d c on center st, 2 d c under ch of next lacet, 1 d c on d c, 1 sp, 3 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.
14th row—1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 6 sps, 5 blks, 1 lacet, 1 sp, 5 blks, ch 3, turn.
15th row—2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.
16th row—Same as 14th row, ch 5, turn.
17th row—3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks over lacet and a half worked in same way as in 13th row, 1 sp, 3 blks, 7 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk.
18th row—1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 6 sps, 5 blks, 1 lacet, 1 sp, 5 blks, ch 3, turn.
19th row—2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.
20th row—Same as 18th row, ch 5, turn.
21st row—3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks over sp and lacet, 1 sp, 3 blks, 7 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.
22nd row—1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 10 sps, 5 blks, ch 3, turn.



CRANBERRY EDGING.

23rd row—2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 10 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.
24th row—Same as 22nd row, ch 19, turn.
25th row—Same as 5th row.
Repeat pattern from here.

Hope Chest Linens

With the coming of the spring days the June brides to be begin to take account of the stock which their hope chests already have, and make plans for what is still needed.
To do this successfully one must first consider what the future home is to be, whether a house, a flat or a first tiny home of only two

or three rooms. Then only what is really needed will be purchased.

Any girl in need of advice as to just what she should have to begin housekeeping in a modest but comfortable way will find this list a most satisfactory one.

Six sheets,
Six pairs pillow slips,
Six hand towels,
Six dish towels,
Two dish cloths,
Three glass towels,
Three dust cloths,
Six bath towels,
Six wash-cloths,
Six huck towels,
Two guest towels,
Three pairs blankets,
Two bedspreads,
Two puffs,
One table-cloth,
Two breakfast cloths.

The table-cloth should be of linen even if not of the finest quality. This for guests with the addition of a dozen napkins, one-half of dinner and one-half of tea size, and the two smaller cloths will provide for the table linen for two, at the start.

To this may be added a hand-made luncheon set, table runners or perhaps a set of sanitas doilies, which are great labor savers.

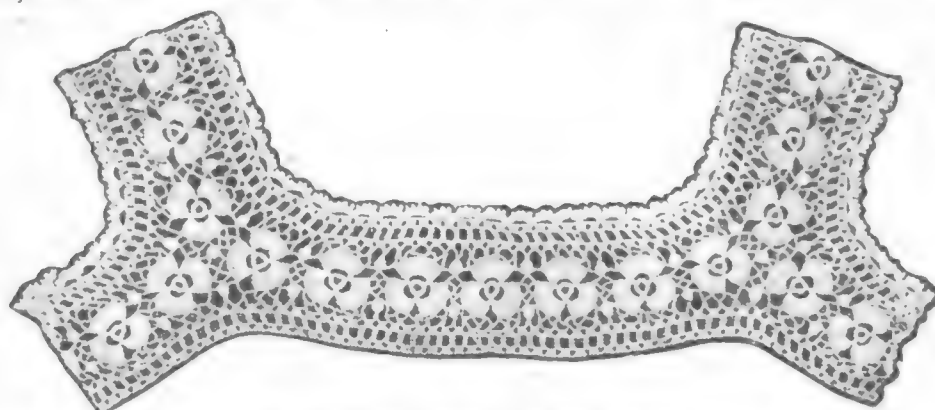
Bureau covers, doilies, centerpieces and other extras which help to make a home pretty, can be made in spare moments or often come to the hope chest from friends.

Corset Cover Yoke in Pansy Design

Materials. No. 60 white or colored steel hook.

Pansies

Ch 10, join in ring, 18 d c in ring, ch 10, fasten in 6th double, ch 10, fasten in 12th double, ch 10, fasten at base of 1st, ch 10, * 16 doubles under next 10 chs, turn, treble in every double (16 in all), turn, 15 tr c, ch 3, catch in last treble and sl st down to center ring, * repeat from * to * for next petal, repeat for third petal till last row of trebles is reached, then make 16



CORSET COVER YOKE IN PANSY DESIGN.

trebles, omitting 3 chs at end of row and do not sl st down side, * ch 9, fasten in top of ch 3 of next petal, ch 9, fasten in 4th treble, ch 9, fasten in 8th treble, ch 9, fasten in 12th treble, ch 9, fasten in 16th or last treble, * repeat from * to * twice. Ch 9, catch at base of 1st 9 ch. This completes a pansy. Yoke requires 35 pansies for medium size, when making the loops of ch 9 join 3 loops to completed pansy in the following way: Ch 4, catch in center of ch 9 on completed pansy, ch 4, catch in pansy being made, repeat twice. Illustration will show position of each pansy and which loops to join.

Make the front over shoulders and back ones first, the under arms last. Join 10 in same way for front, 4 over each shoulder, 9 for back and 4 under each arm.

Border

Fasten thread in back in center of ch 9, ch 9, fasten in center of next ch 9, repeat around, making a cluster of 6 tr c between pansies to strengthen border, keeping trebles on hook until all are made and taking all off together.
2nd row—Sl st to center of ch 9, ch 3, 2 trebles under next ch 9, repeat around, joining to top of 1st ch 3.

Beading

3rd row—Sl st to ch 1, between trebles, ch 5, 1 d tr in 1st tr of cluster of trs, ch 3, 1 d tr in 1st ch between next two clusters of trs, 1 d tr in 1st tr of cluster following. Repeat around.
4th row—Sl st to 1st st of ch 3, ch 3, 2 tr in next 2 sts of ch, ch 1, c tr in next ch 3, repeat around.
5th row—Ch 7, sk 2 clusters of tr, catch in ch 1, repeat around.

Scallops

6th row—1 d c, 2 tr c, picot of ch 3, 2 tr c, 1 p, 2 tr c, 1 p, 2 tr c, 1 p, 2 tr c, 1 d c. This completes one scallop, repeat.

Border, neck and arms the same. Leave off scallops for bottom of yoke.

Use No. 60 crochet cotton, white or colored.

Mercerized Cotton Slip-On

Materials. For size 36 about 12 ounces of cotton perle No. 3 will be required, without sleeves 4 ounces less, 5 bone knitting needles and 1 bone crochet hook size 7 or 8.

This pretty garment features an entirely new idea, that of adding a crocheted border to a knitted body. The sweater is of stocking stitch, that is, 1 row plain, 1 purl, alternating. Work is commenced at the lower edge of the back. Cast 80 sts on the No. 5 needles.

1st row—Knit to end of row. Do not slip first stitch only as directed to do so.

2nd row—Purl all stitches.

Repeat these two rows until work measures about 15 inches or just below the bottom of the waist-line in the back. Then the crocheted border, as shown in our illustration, is added to complete the length of the sweater.

Divide work for shoulders and neck as follows: Knit 33 sts, bind off 14 sts for the neck, knit 33 sts. At this point the stitches on one side can be run onto a third needle or a safety pin, or retained on the original needle just as one prefers. Purl back. Knit and purl alternate rows, slipping first stitch now on each row on the armside of the work.

When work measures three inches begin to increase one st on the center side of work on every other row. Continue until 12 sts have been added. Then work until opening for front is as long as desired.

Work the other shoulder to match, slip all stitches (90 in all) onto one needle and continue until work equals length of the back, folding it over at the neck line.

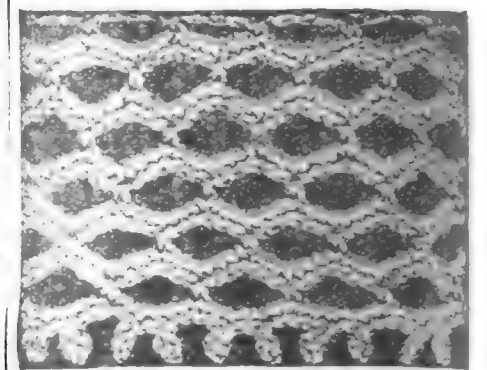
Sleeves

Pick up 60 sts, knit and purl for 18 rows, then

a yard in length, thread it through the holes formed by hooks around the neck and finish the ends with tassels or balls. This cord tied in front makes a very pretty finish.

Crocheted Girdle for Summer Wear

This pretty girdle is formed of interlocked rings made as follows of No. 3 mercerized pearl crochet cotton. Ch 7, join in ring, ch 1, 14 d c in ring, join and leave thread long enough to fasten. Ch 7, run through finished ring and



CROCHETED BORDER FOR MERCERIZED SLIP-ON.

join, ch 1, 14 d c in ring, join and leave thread. All rings may be of the same color or several shades may be combined.

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1st row.—17 sps, ch 5, turn.
2nd row.—2 sps, 3 blks, 3 sps, 4 blks, 5 sps, ch 5, turn.
3rd row.—4 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 3 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.
4th row.—2 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.
5th row.—2 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 2 blks, 8 sps, ch 5, turn.
6th row.—9 sps, 2 blks, 3 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.
7th row.—1 sp, 2 blks, 3 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 5 sps, ch 5, turn.
8th row.—4 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.
9th row.—1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.
10th row.—4 sps, 1 blk, 6 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.
11th row.—3 sps, 2 blks, 6 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, ch 5, turn.
12th row.—6 sps, 6 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.
13th row.—17 sps.

Point Wheel Edging

This simple but effective pattern is specially good for scarf ends.

Wheels of No. 30 cotton will result in an edge about three inches wide.

Begin each wheel in the center with a ch 4, join in ring, ch 8.

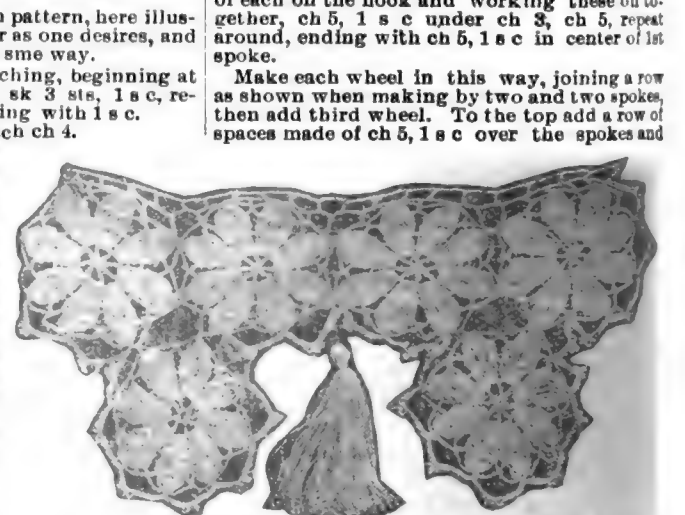
1st round—1 d c in ring, ch 3, 1 d c in ring, repeat 5 times more, ch 3, join to 1st ch 5, ch 4.

2nd round—5 tr c in 1st sp, ch 1, 6 tr c in next sp, ch 1, repeat around, ch 4.

3rd round—1 tr c on 1st 2 tr c on 2nd tr, repeat, ch 3. Repeat trs on each spoke, ch 3, join, ch 4.

4th round—1 tr on each tr retaining last loop of each on the hook and working these off together, ch 5, 1 s c under ch 3, ch 5, repeat around, ending with ch 5, 1 s c in center of 1st spoke.

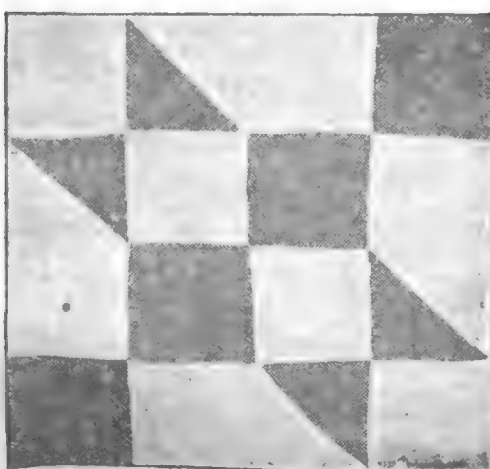
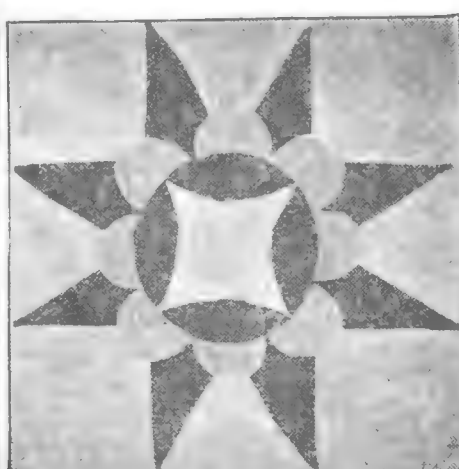
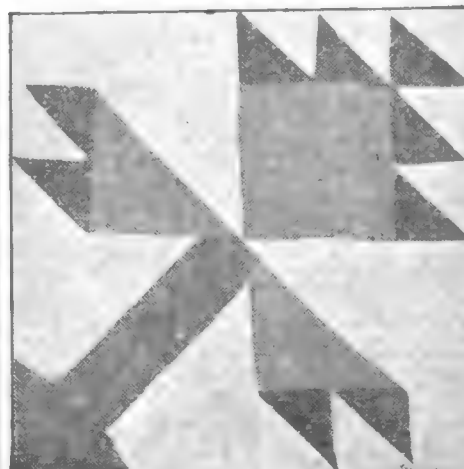
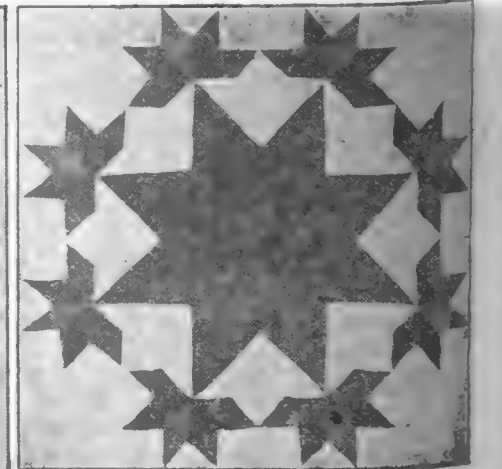
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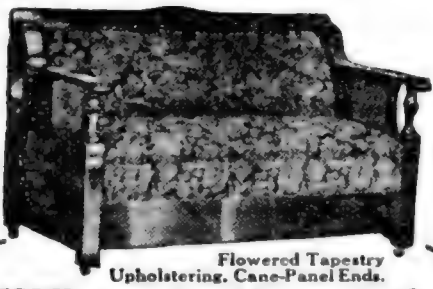
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chs of 5, 1 d c between the wheels. Finish with 2nd row of ch 5, 1 d c under a ch, ch 5, 1 d c, repeat.

To the lower or point edge join thread to center of a spoke, ch 15, 1 s c on next spoke, continue around third wheel, along two wheels around next third wheel, and so on. Finish with a row of 10 s c, ch 3, 1 s c, ch 3, 1 s c, ch 3, 10 s c under each ch. Two-inch tassels between the points are a great addition.

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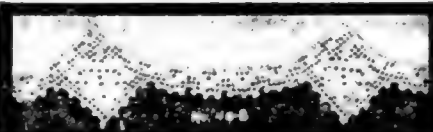


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3rd row—4 sps, 4 blks, 4 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 5 sps, ch 5, turn.
4th row—3 sps, 2 blks, 3 sps, 4 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

5th row—1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 4 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.
6th row—2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 5 sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.
7th row—3 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, 4 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

8th row—2 blks over 2 blks, 1 sp, 6 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, 3 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 3 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

9th row—2 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 1 blk, 9 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 7 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

10th row—3 sps, 2 blks, 4 sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 15 sps. Break thread. Turn work.

11th row—Over 15 sps from end work a sp, 3 more sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 5 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn. This makes 16 blks and sps in a row instead of 30 as before.

12th row—2 sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 5 blks, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.

13th row—1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.

14th row—6 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

15th row—8 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

16th row—2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

17th row—2 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

18th row—4 sps, 2 blks, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.

19th row—3 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

20th row—1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 4 blks, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.

21st row—2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 4 blks, ch 5, turn.

22nd row—2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

23rd row—2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

24th row—f sp, 3 blks over 3 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.

25th row—2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

26th row—1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

27th row—1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

28th row—4 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, ch 5, turn.

29th row—10 sps. Fasten off.

After inserting the filet in the corners finish the entire edge of the cloth with one row of spaces, then one row of singles over chains and one picot over each space.

Stella Rosevelt

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6.)

had no one to love you'—when you refused to leave me, and took up your station by my side to die with me, as we both believed, I felt as if something of the spirit of my lost love was shining through you. Then your tenderness toward, and your care of me—your heroic self-denial and efforts to save my life while we were helplessly adrift on the mighty ocean—your sweet voice singing those hymns of faith and cheer, completed the conquest of my hardened nature. I can never make you understand how disappointed I was, on arriving in New York, to find you gone. I meant to tell you something of myself, and learn your own destination, so that I might see you once in a while.

"But I never forgot you; and when I visited my nephew in the West, and met only coldness and neglect, simply because of my misfortune, I could not help contrasting it with your kind attention to an entire stranger.

"I left those heartless people and came to my niece, and met with the same reception, when before they had always fawned at my feet, flattered and humored me as if I had been something more than common clay.

"I felt forsaken; no one loved me, no one wanted me; I was a burden and incubance. But just then you appeared to me, and your heavenly kindness made my poor old heart glow again. Still, I was so embittered by finding my only brother's children so heartless and selfish, that I was not quite sure of you. It made me mistrust everybody, and I feared you might grow to be like them. But for that I should not have remained a day beneath Ellen Richards' roof; I became rested and recruited. My dear, I began to love you for my lost Star's sake; now I love you for your own. There, you have all my story now, and you must go to rest, for tomorrow will be your birthday, and we must celebrate a little in honor of it," Mr. Rosevelt concluded, patting her softly on the shoulder.

Star lifted a flushed and tearful face to his. "Uncle Jacob!" she cried, tenderly; "it seems as if you are really that to me now; and I am so glad that you have told you how you loved my grandmother, and I shall try more than ever after this to make your life as bright as possible. I do not see how any one could ever have treated you unkindly or disrespectfully."

Uncle Jacob smiled fondly at her.

"I know there is one, at least, who treats me friendly for my own sake, and who would share all her laurels with me. My child, I was very proud of you tonight."

"And I of you," Star added, quickly. "I never saw you look so nice—so like an aristocratic old gentleman."

He laughed, such a bright, hearty laugh that she wondered to see him so pleased over her little compliment.

"Now, good night," he said, rising; "I want you to be as fresh as possible tomorrow."

He led her to the door of her room, and then, with a softly breathed "God bless you!" sought his own.

But she did not go directly to bed, as he bade her; his story had strangely stirred her heart, and she could not rest until she had decided some questions that were troubling her.

She opened a drawer of her dressing-case, and taking that worn portfolio to which we have before referred from it, unlocked it, and drew forth a sealed package.

"Papa told me to wait until I was eighteen before I opened and read it," she said, musingly; "but a few hours can make no difference, and I feel now as if I must know if he was her son, and why he never would tell me anything about his family."

With reverent fingers she broke the seals, a sob rising to her lips as she thought whose hand had fastened them there, and how tenderly it used to stroke her hair and call her "My bright little Star."

The package contained several papers, and it took her more than an hour to examine them; but when she had read them through, there was a look of wonder in her large blue eyes and an almost blank expression on her white face.

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HOWDY, Girls! My, aren't you the good-looking crowd of girls. Don't begin powdering your noses, you are quite all right as you are. I had heaps of things to tell you, seedlings, good advice, good resolutions, etc., but there are so many questions to be answered that the seedlings, anyway, will have to wait until the next time. H-m-m, springtime. I might have known there would be more questions than usual. Here we are:

JOHN, Oregon.—Girls are peculiar things, aren't they, John? One never knows what they are going to do any more than they know themselves, but we like them. You may be to have sweethearts "failing" love. You are either too attentive or else not attentive enough. Which is it? If the latter double your attentions and continue to be attentive after marriage if you want to keep her love in a strong, healthy condition, and not in need of pink pills. If the former, neglect her a little for some other girl, one she doesn't like, preferably. As I have already said, one never knows what a girl will do—she may throw you down flat or she may realize that she cares a lot for you. Anyway, you are apt to lose her as matters are now so you might as well take a chance and win or lose all.

"He either fears his fate too much,
Or his deserts are small,
That dares not put it to the touch
To gain or lose it all."

TROUBLED, Ark.—Be friendly with all girls but don't get so friendly with one that you give up all others, even if she is jealous and wants you to. Such crushes are bad for all concerned. You can be more friendly with her than any of the others, if you wish, but have it understood that you are to keep your own friends. "The girl I like best (only we aren't 'girls' any more) never liked my friends and I never liked hers yet we think as much of each other as we did years ago and have our own friends regardless of each other. We think it rather a joke because we don't like each other's friends, and often laugh over it. Isn't this a better way than being jealous?"

VEKED, Iowa.—It is very true that if you give up the man your parents dislike you can never love another as you love him—but it's mighty comforting to know you can love another so much more that you'll forget all about the first one. If you are sure of each other you can afford to wait until you gain the consent of your parents, or, at least, a while longer. He should understand how uncomfortable the situation is for you and be willing to do his part toward making it better.

KENTUCKY BLUE BELL.—Your letter is contradictory, to say the least. If you like him "just as a friend," there should be no occasion for questioning the right or wrong of letting him put his arms around you and kissing you. "Just friends" don't do that. No, indeed, it doesn't prove that he loves you and "would give his life for you" when he does that. It merely proves that you are an easy little girl to allow it, and being an easy little girl is the first step toward being an uneasy little girl. Trust him if you want to—but at arm's length. If he really cares for you he will realize that you are young and should be protected and he'll join with your mother in keeping you from harm. I'm not saying that he doesn't love you but if he wants to marry you he will ask your parents' consent and then wait until you are of a marriageable age—not before three years. Remember your promise to rely on my advice. Boys are getting nicer all the time (if only I were a young girl again!) and by the end of three years you may meet a wonderful fellow and think how perfectly tragic it would be if you were married and had a baby—twins, maybe—by that time!

C. B., Illinois.—If at the end of two years you still care for each other and your parents are willing, it seems that it would be all right to get married, but think it over first. Marrying a minister is a serious thing, for a minister's wife has more to do toward making or marring his life than has the wife of the average business man to do with her husband's success or failure. If I were going to marry a minister I'd study and fit myself to be his wife in all that it would mean, and if possible I'd take a special course at some good Bible school—but there isn't a chance of anything like that happening to me. I'm very frivolous in spite of the seedlings I hand out to you girls and by the end of three years you may meet a good nurse. Nobody knows. When you acquire above mentioned qualities, write me again, telling me more about yourself, and I'll do my best to help you.

BOUNCE, Texas.—You know very well, Bobby-Texas, that you shouldn't go car-riding with a boy after twelve at night, and if you do it again I'll go right down to Texas and spank both of you. Only sixteen years old! For that matter, after twelve at night isn't a respectable time to go for a ride even if you were thirty years old.

DELIS, Pa.—Maybe when you are older and larger and better educated you might become a good nurse. Nobody knows. When you acquire above mentioned qualities, write me again, telling me more about yourself, and I'll do my best to help you.

GLADYS, Okla.—The very fact that your mother has been married three times proves that she is a better judge of men than you are and it would be better to obey her. (2) See answer to Kentucky Blue Bell.



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about kissing. (3) Whether one can love more than once has always been a debated question and I believe the eyes have it, at least, that's how it appears in everyday life. It is different in books.

BROWN EYES, Ala.—You are doubtless happier with a good position than you would be married to a jealous old man or a poor young one. If you marry the wealthy, older man you will have to give up all your liberty and pleasures, and if you marry the other one you'll have to work harder than you do now. Not very pleasant prospects. Of course if you cared a lot for him you wouldn't mind that but your letter doesn't indicate that you do care. Do you know what I think would be the very best thing for you to do? You say you are a poor girl and have had a hard time all your life and because of this you haven't had the opportunity for an education. Your letter shows this, but I'm not going to scold because it wasn't your fault—but I do think you should spend your evenings studying instead of going to dances and to the movies. Not every evening, perhaps, for if the movies or a dance mean a good time to you then you deserve to have it. But it is surprising how our ideas of a good time change as we grow older. You won't always want to dance and you'll grow tired of the movies, but if your mind is trained to appreciate good literature and other worthwhile things, you need never be lonely.

CITY GIRL, N. Y.—No, you are not selfish. If you were you'd marry him and then fuss and nag him to such an extent that he'd give up his beloved Western ranch to live in an Eastern city with you. It is generous of him to be willing to do that but do you want him to do it? He'd probably dislike city life, and, another thing, he is as well fitted to earn his living, and yours, in the city as he is on a ranch? That's quite important. I think you underestimate your capabilities. We never know what we can do until we have to or want to and you appear to care enough for him to want to be with him, even on a lonely ranch. Can't you visit his home, properly chaperoned, of course, and get a line on things? Then you could judge for yourself as to whether or not you would be equal to all that would be expected of you. He would do his best to make everything as easy as he could if he understood how you feel about the work.

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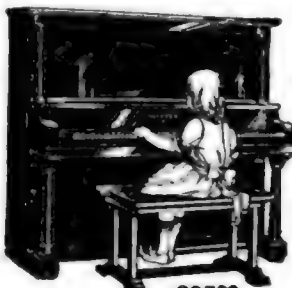
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Leaky Float

THE working principle of the vacuum system for supplying gasoline to the carburetor has been previously explained. In brief, the tank consists of two chambers between which is a partition containing a valve. The suction of the motor creates a vacuum in the upper chamber. This vacuum draws gasoline from the storage gasoline tank usually in the rear of the car, also closes the valve between the two chambers of the vacuum tank. As the gasoline flows into the upper chamber of the tank it causes a float to rise until it reaches a certain point at which it closes a valve shutting off the suction from the motor. The description has now gone far enough to answer the purpose intended. The float in the vacuum tank is of metal construction and therefore there is a possibility of leaks. Should the float for some reason develop a small hole, gasoline would gradually enter this opening until the quantity became sufficient to weight the float until it refused to rise. Now we would have a condition that sometimes occurs and which is difficult to locate unless of course similar difficulty has been experienced before. The motor loads, chokes and often refuses to operate. The reason is that the suction valve in the vacuum tank is not being closed and for this reason raw gasoline is being taken directly into the intake manifold above the carburetor. The accompanying illustration shows a good method for determining whether the suction valve is operating properly. Remove the pipe line leading from the top of the vacuum tank to the intake manifold. Procure two pieces of glass pipe and connect the two with rubber tubing. Place rubber washers at the ends of the glass tubing and press one tubing against the connection in the manifold and the other tubing against the

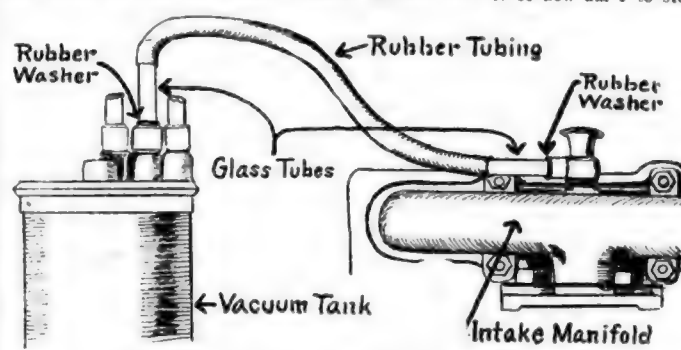


DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATING VACUUM FEED SYSTEM.

connection in the tank. When the motor is started it can be readily determined if the suction valve is working properly as the gasoline will be seen passing through the glass tubings if the valve does not shut off the suction.

To test for a leak in the float, dip it into a pan of hot water. If bubbles rise, note the spot and mark it. Enlarge the hole a trifle at the point of leak, also punch another small hole on the opposite side of float. This allows the gasoline to be drained from inside of float after which solder the two holes and again test for leaks by dipping into hot water. Use only enough solder to effect a repair as piles of solder cause the float to become too heavy.

Slipping the Clutch

About July of each year is the time that many owners complain that the clutch on their car does not hold. Numerous complaints are heard about faulty clutch construction and the like but if each individual case could be thoroughly investigated the majority would be found the fault of the driver. There are many ways in which an owner will subject his clutch to considerable abuse. How many times have you noticed an owner get into his car, shift into gear, open the throttle until the motor roars and then let in the clutch? It is a common occurrence. Under such circumstances the clutch must do considerable slipping until it gradually takes hold of the load. The proper manner of starting is to open the throttle just a trifle or, in other words, to just make certain of sufficient motor power to prevent stalling while taking up the load when the car is standing. Then again there is the nervous driver who continually has his foot on the clutch pedal. It is excellent practice to have the foot ready to depress the pedal. By this I mean keeping a light pressure on the pedal at all times. This condition prevents full tension on the clutch plates and has a tendency to cause them to slip. Riding the clutch pedal is not only done by nervous drivers but by many who have formed a habit of it. Again there is the type of driver who believes his car should make every hill on high. He stubbornly refuses to shift gears and as the motor commences to lose power or knock he slips the clutch to allow the motor to pick up. The abuse suffered by the clutch under such conditions is almost beyond words to describe and sooner or later is developed a clutch that will not hold under any condition and each year we hear about faulty clutch construction, etc.

Helpful Pointers

Water for Battery

Do not forget that a storage battery requires distilled water. The water evaporates but the acid does not. Add water but not acid. Keep the plates covered. Water that has been properly distilled is usually free at any battery station or repair shop. It is yours for the asking so don't ruin the battery by neglect to replenish the water.

Stubborn Screws

A screw or bolt that has rusted in place is difficult to remove, often shearing off before it will give to the pressure of the wrench or screwdriver. Many times an effective way to loosen them is to make a mould (putty will do) in the shape of a retaining cup around the screw or bolt to be moved. Pour kerosene into the cup and allow it to soak around the threads for about 12 hours.

Spindle Bolts

A spindle bolt that screws into the lower lip of the front axle yoke is sometimes difficult to start regardless of the size of wrench used. One mechanic who appears to have excellent success in removing steering spindle bolts proceeds as follows: Remove the nut from end of bolt and then strike head of bolt several heavy blows with large hammer. Strike end of bolt several heavy blows with lead hammer (lead hammer being used here to prevent damage to threads).

Apply wrench to head of bolt and if bolt does not give to pressure strike wrench on end a sharp blow with hammer.

Oil Necessary

Transmissions and rear axles require oil. These units are often forgotten until something happens. If you haven't given these assemblies oil recently, better look at them now. Many cars have growing transmissions and rear axles, which condition could be corrected by pouring into the cases a suitable quantity of oil.

Cutting Valve Seats

Unless the greatest care is exercised in the re-cutting of valve seats the cutter is apt to leave chatter marks that are difficult to remove. Fill the teeth of the cutter with hard oil and the danger of making chatter marks is reduced to the minimum.

Removing Chatter Marks

Should the cutter make chatter marks in the valve seat it is almost an impossibility to remove them by continued cutting. A mechanic of my acquaintance removed the marks by using a discarded valve having the same angle as the seat. He used coarse grinding compound and ground the old valve into the seat until the chatter marks disappeared. He then used the cutter on the seat and ground in the new valve.

Answers to Correspondents

KNOCK IN GENERATOR.—The Wagner generator in my 1919 Grant Six R X model car has a very hard knock when car is driven over twenty miles an hour, but when driven at less speed it does not knock. Do you think there is too much play in magneto shaft? If so how am I to stop it?

Mrs. E. H. N., Lima City, O.
A.—I would suggest that the knock in the generator is caused by a worn bearing. A repairman or anyone familiar with generators should easily determine whether a new bearing is needed.

PUDDING SCORED CYLINDER.—One cylinder of my 1917 Dodge car has four scores, two each on opposite sides of the cylinder wall, about one inch apart, caused by a wrist pin getting loose; these cuts are about a quarter of an inch wide and about a thirty-second of an inch deep. I have these small places filled by sealing with oil ruining the walls?

L. R. C., Coffeyville, Kansas.
A.—I am informed that there are concerns especially in the larger cities that have facilities for puddling for rusting. In one instance I have in mind, the cylinders were removed, pistons taken out and the water openings plugged. The cylinders were turned over so that they rested on the head. One of the plugs was removed and the water jackets filled with a strong solution of sal-ammoniac. The opening was re-plugged and the cylinders allowed to stand in that condition for about 24 hours. On the other hand, if the crack is too large for the solution to be effective I am told that there is a preparation sold under the trade name of "Smooth On" which when applied directly to the crack will quickly harden when exposed to the air. It is suggested that sal-ammoniac solution be used in connection with the preparation. Kindly bear in mind that I have not personally tried out this suggestion and am only stating the advice given me by others.

Missing Relatives and Friends

For the convenience of its subscribers, COMFORT reopens the "Missing Relatives and Friends" column. To the readers of COMFORT is extended the privilege of inserting three-line notices in this column if they will secure only one new yearly subscriber to COMFORT at 50c. If you wish to find a missing relative or friend you can insert a three-line notice containing not over 25 words in this column by securing only one new subscription at 50c. If a longer notice is required send one 50c subscription for each additional seven words.

If anyone knows of James A. Robbins, please write Benjamin E. Miller, Cism, Box 36, Ill.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Sidney Scott, last heard of in Texas many years ago, communicate with his sister, Angeline Scott Miles, San Jose, 66 West Humboldt St., Calif.

Mrs. S. H. Thompson, Van Nuys, R. R. 2, Box 139, Calif., wishes to hear of cousin, Mrs. Alida Stadelbauer, last heard from in Michigan.

Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of Clifford E. Gaddis, write his mother, last heard of in Denver, Colo., please notify Mrs. S. P. Gaddis, Kingston, Ga.

Wanted to know the whereabouts of David Wells or any of his relatives. Last heard from was in California. Notify Mrs. L. P. Dellinger, Cherryville, Box 214, N. C.

Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of Shirley S. Prunty please write his mother, Sarah L. Prunty, Harrisville, R. R. 2, W. Va.

I would appreciate, in locating descendants of my uncle, Thomas Ferguson, mother's (Elizabeth Ferguson Gordon) brother, who lived near Cumberland, Tenn. Had daughter Texas, son Robert, C. P. minister. Address, L. Box A. Seaton, Ill. Mrs. B. S. Duncan.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Chas. Dippel, who disappeared December, 1919, age, 27, please notify his wife, Mrs. Chas. Dippel, Foss, Okla.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Louis Haessler, or Hessler, last heard from in Cleveland, Ohio, 18 years ago, age about 40, please notify his sister, Fannie Vandas, Cleveland, 3165 E. 45th St. E., Ohio.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Bessie Maybelle Wilson (or Lewis), last heard of in Tulsa, Okla., May, 1918, please write Miss Lula E. Wilson, Greensboro, R. R. 3, Box 44, N. C.

Mrs. M. Fowler, Denison, 726 W. Johnson St., Texas, is very anxious to learn the whereabouts of her sons, Russell and Chas. Fowler.

Miss Minnie Mingram (or Mrs. Geo. O. Vaughan) lived in St. Louis, Mo., in 1894. If some of her relatives or friends see this in print, please write to Box 43, Weota, S. Dak.

Wanted: To know the whereabouts of Noah Carpenter's children and particularly to hear from Franklin, Herman or Neva Carpenter. Mrs. Ethel Carpenter, Blodgett, Box 28, Miss.

Anyone knowing Rudolf Adler, a barber, please notify Wm. Adler, Muscatine, 1085 New Hampshire St., Iowa.

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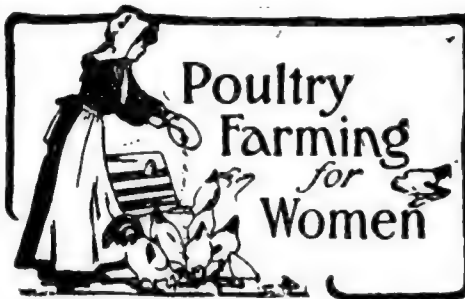
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When pullets are grown right—given room, airy coops at night, free range or large yard, and fed a wholesome ration, there is no danger of their developing too fast.

When chicks are eight weeks old, they should be separated from their mothers, and the families divided; the young pullets being relegated to colony coops in an orchard or partly-shaded meadow, where they will have extensive free range; the cockerels being placed in the semi-confinement of wards, as their ultimate fate is the frying-pan, which necessitates plump bodies, while free range would only develop frame and muscle.

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The coops having no flooring, and the whole construction being light, they are easily removed to fresh ground every week and so kept clean with little trouble—an important item when there is a large quantity being used. Having a large orchard, we placed the coops in rows thirty feet apart, on two sides of the orchard adjoin woodland, through which a never-failing spring stream runs, so the birds have a splendid range.

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The large hoppers are nothing more than boxes, five feet long, two feet wide and six inches deep, over which is placed an A-shaped cover, made of slats one inch apart, to prevent the birds getting into the box and scratching the grain into the ground, where it will be wasted. For water, five-gallon kegs are used, with an automatic escape, which keeps a small pan continually full. Both feed and water are placed under a rough shelter to protect them from sun and rain. Using such large receptacles, it is only necessary to fill them every other day.

Feed consists of a dry mash, composed of ten pounds of wheat bran, ten pounds of ground oats, one pound of white middlings, one pound of old process oil meal, and ten pounds of beef scraps well mixed. In addition to that, they receive at night a feed of wheat and cracked corn, two parts of the former to one of the latter. About half a pint is scattered in front of each coop about 4 P. M.

Grit is supplied in large quantities. Being near a stone crusher, we buy the screenings by the cartload and dump it in heaps on the outskirts of the orchard, where it does not show but is quite accessible to the chicks.

On these rations, without any variation, the pullets are kept until September, when they are transferred to their winter quarters.

Pullets which have to be grown in confinement should have a well-littered coop of good size, and having large openings. That is, the greater portion of one side should be wire. The pullets should not be crowded, nor should they be grown in large flocks. They should be fed practically the same as those on free range. They should have the dry mash before mentioned, grit, charcoal and shells, and be fed grain and green food. Where the green food is lettuce, lawn clippings or garden refuse, they should have two grain feeds a day, and this should be scattered in litter, not too deep. Where sprouted oats are used for greens, one feed a day of hard grain is sufficient.

Cockerels and old hens should not be allowed with growing pullets. Where cockerels are allowed to run with pullets neither will mature to full size. Too often we see cockerels and pullets allowed free range on the farm and all allowed to mix together. Good stock cannot be grown in this manner, and the future egg yield of the flock will not be as large as it would be if more care were given to the growing stock.

Cockerels intended for breeders should have every advantage that would tend to full and perfect development, and I prefer, when possible, to give them free range, isolated from hens and pullets. Next to free range comes large yards with well-littered, roomy coops or roosts out of doors. Good cockerels as I ever raised lived all summer in a yard without a coop. Poles were set up in the shade of a large apple tree, and on these the cockerels roosted. In event of a storm they sought the protection of a tree. They were a hardy, close-feathered bunch, and stood the rigors of a severe winter in an open house with the utmost comfort. At best they should only have a roof to protect them from the rain.

Hawks and crows often make life a burden to the poultryman in chicken time, where the growing chicks range. It is a good plan to erect poles about the chicken range, and run wire or strong twine zigzag from these, high enough to allow head room. From these lines suspend at frequent intervals, strips of white and colored cloth, bright bits of tin and pieces of glass. This is the most effective crow and hawk scare we know of, and it is well worth the expense and labor. Crows often become so bold that no other scarecrow will keep them from stealing young chicks, especially if bits of bright tin and glass are hung so that they will jingle in the breeze. Hawks generally come at the same time every day, so can be easily watched and shot.

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It is a good precaution to feed boiled rice two or three times a week whilst the chicks are little, and if they develop any serious trouble, keep them under cover; or if with the hen, keep the hen shut into the brooder coop, for she is much more likely to brood than when allowed to run alone.

Leg weakness rarely if ever develops if the chickens are properly fed. Green food and animal food must form part of their rations. There is a meat meal on the market which is very good if you can buy in small quantities, but it is not safe to buy a large bag which cannot be used up within two or three weeks, so it is usually better for the ordinary farm to depend on curd cheese and an occasional hard-boiled egg, chopped up fine without removing the shell. And for green stuff I don't think there is anything as good as young clover and the young sprouts of onions, chopped fine enough, of course, to be acceptable for little chicks. If you are where you can get beef's liver, it is the best of all animal food, when about half boiled and chopped fine and fed in small quantities. If your birds have had any kind of animal meat from the start, it is quite safe; but if you suddenly commence to feed it after four or five weeks, you must go very carefully for some time until they become accustomed to it. A rusty nail or two, with a few drops of tincture of iron in the drinking water is a good tonic, and it is advisable to use it if chickens commence to look pale around the gills, or droopy in any way.

As I have explained before in these columns, gapes is really not a disease at all, but a parasite worm about one-sixteenth of an inch in length, and like a thin thread. They lodge in the windpipe and suck the blood of their victim. They are supposed to materialize only on ground on which poultry droppings have been deposited for several seasons. For this reason it is best to try and locate the brooder coops on fresh ground each year, or have the ground where they have stood heavily dressed with lime and plowed in in the fall. These wretched little worms multiply very quickly if they are not removed from the bird's throat, for the little chicks have not ejected them, no matter how

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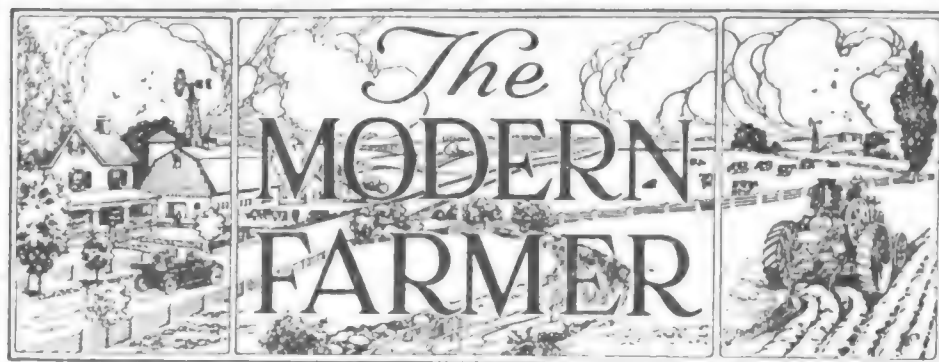
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Gardening in May

FOR our readers who live in Northern States, the month of May sees gardening begin in real earnest, but those who live in the sunny Southland have long ago done their spading and seed planting, and are now perhaps gathering their first reward in the form of tasty and welcome garden "sassa." Further north the fruit trees are in bloom, the birds have returned with their glad spring songs, and the sun's warmth is a real joy that bears only a promise of the heat to follow. Under these conditions it seems wrong to speak of gardening as *work*; in many respects it is play with the element of profit from garden truck thrown in for good measure. Would that only Life permitted us all to always turn work into play, then play to our own profit as we can in the garden!

Even if the instructions we gave for April have been followed, we make a guess that there are some things that have been overlooked. If this is true, then attend to them at once, for time lost now cannot well be regained. The seed for many of the vegetables is now in the ground; perhaps others have been transplanted to permanent and favorable locations. For those cultivation and thinning are the order of the day. Examine all seedbeds closely and re-seed in place of those that fail to grow. If good seed of strong vitality and germination has been purchased direct from the seedsmen as we have advised then little re-seeding will be necessary, however. All plants in cold frames will now need plenty of air and water to gradually harden them off before planting time. Plants grown in shallow beds close to the glass are less likely to become "spindling, weak and sickly. Strong root growth, thick short stems and healthy dark green tops are far superior to "lanky," light-green ones. Toward the end of the month, if the season is warm, the more tender plants or seeds may be planted.

Garden Pests

Though we have never come across a census report on the matter, we risk a guess that insect pests are the bane of every gardener's existence. Several of the worst of "these plagued creatures" put in their first appearance in May, and if they are severely and promptly dealt with a lot of future trouble will be avoided. These first bugs are mainly the mature insects that have hibernated over winter, now coming forth to lay eggs for the new "crop," and by destroying either them or their eggs we may escape the next generation the numbers of which are legion.

Perhaps the most troublesome of all the spring garden pests is the cutworm, that naked and dirty gray or greenish-brown caterpillar that raises havoc with the cabbage and tomato plants as soon as set out and with corn—or anything else that comes above ground. Working at night and burrowing under ground in the daytime, he is seldom caught at work, but the evidence remains in the morning in plants that appear to have been snipped off with scissors. About the only quick remedy is by poisoning. Take 50 pounds of bran, mix it dry with 1 pound of Paris green, then add water sweetened with molasses to make a mash. Do not get it too wet; just wet enough to stick together is sufficient. Place spoonfuls at frequent intervals in the rows of newly transplanted cabbage, cauliflower, strawberries or other plants. Scatter here and there around the borders of the garden close to patches of weeds or grass. Keep the chickens away as they will eat the bait to their own undoing. Young plants may also be protected by placing discs or "collars" of far paper around the base of each, but by combining the two plans we are more certain to defeat the cutworm.

Trapping Slugs and Snails

Slugs and snails do considerable harm in gardens, but they can be kept within bounds by trapping. Lay cabbage leaves or slices of rutabaga on the ground between the rows in badly infested spots. The vermin will gather under or upon these baits or "traps" during the night and may be easily killed in the morning by sprinkling with lime or salt. Cabbage leaves heated until soft then rubbed with unsalted butter or any kind of fresh dripping, free from salt, then placed on infested ground, will in a few hours be found covered with slugs, snails and an unusual assortment of injurious insects of all kinds. All that remains to be done is to pick up the leaves and burn them, then prepare and set out new baits until the pests are brought under control. Also sprinkle slaked lime around growing plants, along edges of beds and about the rows of lettuce, peas, beans and other tender vegetables.

A Word About Garden Tools

Most of the tools needed for garden work are found as part of the ordinary equipment on the average farm. We can hardly imagine a farm without a spade, spading fork, rake, hoe, wheelbarrow, and some sort of a line that will serve as a garden tape. But there are other implements that should be added from time to time, the sooner the better. These are a trowel, extra hoes of special forms, cultivators or weedeaters, a marker (that can be made), and a hose or sprinkling can. A wheel hoe is a great labor saver that will take the place of several implements, since it makes furrows, hoes, harrows or rakes as fast as its operator can walk. If the garden is large then a seed drill attachment will be a welcome time and labor saver. A spray pump that can be carried on the back is a good investment for the small farm that does not boast a power sprayer for use in orchards or in potato fields.

There are any number of tools on the market designed to make garden work easier. Most of these are very useful if correctly used under right conditions—but there lies the question. From one part of our country to another conditions differ widely, and implements that are ideal in one locality for crops common there may be useless elsewhere. Therefore every gardener must to a certain extent try them out for himself, using home-made "makeshifts" until he thoroughly knows his own needs. In this way he will save expense and be sure of his needs before he buys.

Why Livestock Need Salt and Iodine

Today the problems of animal nutrition are receiving more attention than formerly, and the mineral needs of livestock are coming in for a great deal of study. Investigators have recently made important discoveries which show that the importance of minerals to animal growth and maintenance has been greatly underestimated in the past; that common salt, for instance, is so necessary to normal growth and health that it is next to impossible to over-estimate its importance. Nor have certain manu-

facturers lost time in placing upon the market mineral mixtures to meet the growing interest and increasing demand. Some of these mixtures are harmless or of doubtful value; others may even be harmful. Therefore we advise readers of *COMFORT* to avoid being misled into buying unknowns. The mineral needs of livestock, so far as the farmer himself is concerned, are comparatively simple, being supplied mainly and sufficiently in the feed. Those that are for any reason deficient, moreover, may be safely and cheaply supplied in pure form, thus eliminating part of the expense and all of the possible danger involved in the purchase and use of mineral mixtures.

Salt Essential to Digestion

Most farmers provide salt for their livestock with but little thought as to why they do it. They know that farm animals in either barn or pasture, if not supplied with salt, will become "salt hungry." Salt is a habit that has been handed down to us from the dim and distant past; a habit that is followed in a sort of hit-or-miss way by a majority of feeders, without much thought being paid to amounts needed, what for, and why. Here are the reasons why salt is absolutely necessary if farm animals are to thrive as they should, as explained by Prof. E. B. Hart, of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture:

"It is necessary to supply salt to livestock for the reason that farm crops and mill feeds they eat are very low in the element chlorine, the particular element that common salt supplies very cheaply and in easily available form. The main use of salt is to make the hydrochloric acid found in the digestive juice of the stomach of all animals. This substance is absolutely essential if that organ is to properly perform its digestive action. Experiments have plainly demonstrated that the dairy cow, for example, cannot get along without receiving salt in quantity. Diminished milk flow and generally impaired physical condition soon follows if salt is not included in the ration she receives."

"There are a number of practical ways of supplying salt. The commonest and simplest, perhaps, is to keep rock salt or block salt where each animal can help itself. This method serves better in pasture than in the barn, however. In winter salt may be sprinkled on coarse and unappetizing roughage to make stock "lick it up clean." Some farmers make it a practice to salt their clover hay as it is put into the mow. Others find that the salt their animals need, buy contain all the salt their animals need. A point to be remembered is that young stock need salt just as much as older stock. We know of many a dairyman who diligently salts his milk cows, but who supplies none whatever to his calves."

Iodine Prevents Goiter

Throughout the region of the Great Lakes, west through the Dakotas and even into the northern Mountain States we find that livestock is likely to suffer from goiter. This trouble may develop before birth and cause difficulty in breathing in the newborn offspring it may also develop later during the growing period. Goiter occurs in colts, calves and lambs as a more or less marked swelling of the thyroid gland of the throat. In newborn pigs it is indicated not so much by throat swelling as by absence of hair—the "hairless pigs" so common during the past few years. Again we give Prof. Hart's explanation and treatment based upon years of close study and extensive experiments:

"Though we do not yet know exactly what is the specific cause of goiter or hairlessness of pigs, we have found that it can be entirely prevented by supplying a small amount of extra iodine in the ration. We find that farm crops, unless they are grown close to the seashore, do not contain enough of this element, and perhaps this may explain the prevalence of the trouble in the North-Central States."

"To prevent hairlessness of pigs we recommend that the brood sows before and during the gestation period be given one-third of an ounce of potassium iodide in each 100 pounds of grain mixture. As a goiter preventive for all farm livestock, one-tenth pound of potassium or sodium iodide (use whichever one is the cheaper) for each 1,000 pounds of grain mixture would be sufficient. The very small amount of extra iodine in either of these forms that is required to prevent the trouble makes the cost quite small. Because of the results obtained by this treatment, we stand behind it and recommend the use of extra amounts of iodine for all livestock in regions where damage has resulted from goiter."

Poultry Need Summer Shade

Now is the right time to plan on summer shade of some sort for the poultry flock, for poultry confined in runs where there is no shade suffer severely during hot weather. This can easily be prevented if strips are taken to provide shade of some sort, either natural or artificial, and hens will thus be kept from falling off in egg production. Failure to provide shade soon manifests itself in poor condition of small chicks, resulting in severe setbacks or even worse. Ducks and geese are particularly liable to suffer from the ill effects of overheating. Little chicks, though they require a relatively high temperature while brooding, will be seriously affected if the heat becomes too high or if direct sunlight at midday is not kept off. Good shade protects from the sun and heat but still permits proper ventilation, a highly important point in profitable poultry raising.

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Poultry Farming for Women

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much they cough and choke. Some of the remedies are as follows: Dip the end of a small wing feather in turpentine, push it down the bird's throat, turn two or three times quickly, and pull it out. The worm may come with it, but it is so small that it is difficult to tell. Another is, to mix salt and water, or steep tobacco in water for ten minutes; pour a teaspoonful down the bird's throat; keep the head up, and the two holes at the base of the bill covered with the thumb and forefinger whilst you count five; release, and suddenly turn the bird upside down, holding by the feet. It will gasp, splutter, and usually eject the worm. But really, I think it is much better to make a practice of putting the coops on clean ground, for trying to doctor little chicks is awfully difficult work.

Correspondence

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L. T. W.—Scaly leg does not affect the bird's health or egg production. It is caused by a tiny parasite which breeds in old dirty perches. Clean and paint the perches with sheep dip, naphtha or gasoline. Do the work early in the morning, and keep the birds out of the house until the roosts are dry, or they may get their feet blistered. Fill a two-quart pail with warm, soapy water, and hold the bird's feet and shanks in it for ten minutes at least, to soften the old, scaly skin. Then scrub with a soft brush and plenty of white soap. Wipe on a clean rag and whilst still warm and moist rub with carbolic vaseline or a mixture of flour of sulphur and lard.

F. H.—Please read answer to L. T. W., in this issue.

H. N.—Write to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for bulletin on poultry house construction.

J. C.—I think you must have given your young ducks too much corn. Oats, bran and middlings, with a little animal meal, is a good mixture for growing ducks.

F. H.—Please read answer to L. T. W. in this issue.

A. H.—One service fertilizes the whole clutch of eggs. If the tom is a vigorous bird between the ages of fifteen months and five years, you can be quite sure of the hen bird's egg being fertile if they have been shut up in an enclosure for forty-eight hours.

G. E.—The breeding stock must be in a very poor condition, or the old chickens have infected the young ones. Chickens are a disease. Keep the brood coops on clean, fresh ground, far removed from other poultry, and you may succeed in raising some of them.

E. M. B.—From your description of the old turkeys in the fall of the year, and the young ones last summer, there is little doubt that your stock has contracted the disease commonly known as blackhead. As your fowls can also become infected from the turkeys' droppings, you had better keep them widely separated. Clean up the whole premises, and give sour milk or whey from clabbered milk to drink. Set eggs from turkeys under common hens. Keep the brood coops on clean, fresh ground, far removed from other poultry, and you may succeed in raising some of them.

W. H.—The turkeys and hens have malignant roup. Make a saturated solution of permanganate of potassium, and for use dilute one teaspoonful of the solution with three of water; fill a small syringe, and spray the throat, nostrils and eyes night and morning. Keep the birds in small coops, far removed from other poultry. Remember, it will not be safe to use eggs from any of these birds for setting, no matter how perfect their recovery may seem. Clean and disinfect the poultry house, feed and water vessels, and all fixtures.

I. L. G.—The poultry house must be poorly ventilated and damp, or you have too many birds crowded into a small house. Take out the window sash and cover the space with unbleached muslin, to allow free circulation of fresh air. Rub the feet and shanks with a mixture of turpentine and sweet oil. Read answer to W. H., and use the permanganate solution as recommended for eyes and throat.

E. B.—Please read answer to W. H. in this issue.

C. H.—The description, as given of the sick birds, suggests a light attack of roup. Instructions and dimensions for making the trap nests were given in one of the early spring numbers of COMFORT. Please look up your back numbers; I haven't them at hand.

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inside just as much as I do. All this laughing has to be done inside, and I have to keep my grin hidden; for if Bill found out that his harmless vanity amused me so, he would be tremendously offended. Even you couldn't love him. And speaking of photographs, of course you should send yours for Bill's album. You might have a snapshot taken eating fudge. This would be the sweetest sort of a pose!

Isabel, if you want my candid—or should I say "caudied"?—opinion, I'll say that if such things must be (and they don't really have to happen), but if they must, I'd rather see a girl use powder than to see a boy chew tobacco. There might sometimes be an excuse for the first, but never for the second. But, on the other hand, I can, with an effort, contemplate a sixteen-year-old boy smoking a cigarette, when I would feel much worse to see a young girl spoiling the natural freshness of a young girl. So there you are with my honest opinion. But for our family, let's have just a little powder, palut and tobacco as possible. These are all inventions of a man who was once "made upright,"—and pretty poor inventions they are. Now fudge is much nicer—and much less harmful.

You must not mention Bill's gray whiskers, Isabel, if you want him to keep on liking you. The first thing you know he will be getting them dyed! So if you see a dignified-looking Goat with yellow whiskers, and slightly lame in the left foreleg, walking up to your door in Charlotte some day, you will know that Billy has accepted your invitation and has arrived to eat a pan or two of your divine home-made fudge.

League Shut-in and Mercy Work for May

"Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto Me." Written references from doctor and postmaster must positively accompany all appeals from shut-ins. Every month brings to me letters which disregard this simple and necessary rule. Appeals unaccompanied by the references required will be destroyed.

Faye Smith, Greenfield, Mo. A little crippled girl of eight, cut off from school and play, asks for cards, picture books, or anything to "pass the time away." Mrs. Sophronia Watson, Boomer, N. C. Struggling to support herself and her two children of six and thirteen. Second-hand clothes will help—half second-hand dollars will help more. Isaac Price, Lenoir, N. C. Helpless from rheumatism since 1871. A sad and worthy case. Miss Roma Coleman, Cutbert, R. R. 2, Ga., and Miss Berdie G. Holland, Wilsonville, Box 63, Ala. Both ask that COMFORT women readers will write them to help lonely, cheerless hours. John Jackson, Slocumb, R. R. 1, Ark. Although it is too late for John's birthday of March 10th, it is not too late to give this little crippled shut-in boy of nine a shower of postcards and cheering letters. This is very little he asks, but it means a lot to him. Laura Jones, Cambrio, O. Deformed and helpless. Clothes and a dime shower will be brighteners for this poor woman. Here is another list of those who turn to others for the cheer they cannot gain themselves and for the support they cannot earn. Some ask so little—only messages of cheer. For others, clothes to cover them and money to buy food is the only possible answer or aid. Give us you

Round Prairie Observes Mothers' Day

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and sent them to Betty, the Buyer. It seemed a little insignificant thing to do, and yet—

About a month later Ephraim Blake hailed him as he drove past his house. "I say," he said, "I thought you were the man who didn't believe in giving your wife these modern contraptions. It's all over-town that you are planning on the purchase of a washing-machine for Maria. Jess Edwards said so, and Joe Stoddard, and Bill Brinkley, and half a dozen others. And since they found that you're going to make your wife's work easier they've all decided they can do as well by their women-folks. When you planning to get it? Somehow it occurred to me it would be sort of a nice thing to do for us all to keep mum about our plans to our wives, and then all send together for our washing-machines—praps we could get a little off buying them wholesale as it were—and plan to have them delivered the day before this Mothers' Day. We've heard so much about these last few years. Somehow it strikes me they'd make Monday more of a Mothers' Day than any pluk-wearing Sunday ever was."

Andrew Joseph's tongue was seized with a sudden stroke of paralysis. He couldn't say a word; he hadn't a word to say! He saw Betty the Buyer's hand in the business only too well. On the strength of his continued interest in the subject of washing-machines, she had written all the neighbors whose names he had sent her that he, Andrew Josephs, was planning on the purchase of an electric washer! And now the dum fools had all gone and decided to buy electric washers for their wives, and—why, there was no way out of it—he'd just have to buy one for Maria! He couldn't lose his prestige among Round Prairie folks!

At last the tongue loosened. Andrew endeavored to speak unconcernedly.

"I think," he said, unconsciously bringing forward Betty the Buyer's arguments, "it's about time we thought a little about our women-folks. Machines, even good ones, wear out; why shouldn't our women?"

"Exactly!" replied his listener. "Somehow we have always seemed to think they would last forever. But what do you think about this Mothers' Day plan? Mothers' Day is just two weeks from tomorrow—just about time to arrange things." "Mighty good idea! You arrange with the men down here and bring all their orders to me and I'll fix the entire order up." (Perhaps he thought to himself, I can get a better commission than that ten dollars for names on the sale of nearly a dozen washing-machines!)

Two weeks from the following Monday, Maria Josephs, dress changed, hair tidily arranged, sat rocking beside the table with its red and white, checker-board patterned cloth, reading the belated Sunday paper. Suddenly she dropped the sheet she was holding.

"Andrew," she said, with a suggestion of youthful laughter in her voice, "what night is this?"

"Why, Monday, of course," replied her husband.

"Why? Why, because I never felt like this on a Monday before. I'm not one bit tired tonight, and I put through all our winter blankets and everything I could lay my hands on this morning." She picked up the paper she had dropped.

"I think," she mused, "I'll have to write a second letter. You know, Andrew, several months ago when I was all played out doing the weekly washing, I wrote to this Betty person at Loudon's Store and told her how much I wanted a washing-machine but that my husband wouldn't listen to me when I mentioned my desire to him. I asked her how I could get you to buy me one. And she never answered me. I always thought it funny, for Loudon's 'ad' always states that every letter is answered; but I suppose that was a question no woman in the world could answer helpfully. Somehow I feel as if I ought to write her and tell her that my husband bought me a washer as a surprise, all of his own accord."

Andrew Joseph's eyes grew big behind his paper as he heard his wife's confession. So that was how it all came about, was it? That was how Loudon's Betty had got his name and certain facts about him! The credit, then, all went back to Maria. Well—he gazed through the smoke haze made by his pipe at the softly outlined figure of his wife looking tonight so care-free and youthful—he was glad she did it. In truth, he hadn't understood.

"Do as you please, Maria," he answered, the corners of his eyes wrinkling with merriment as he thought of the stack of orange-hued letters he had that morning consigned to the flames of the kitchen fire.

"A Little Culture"

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to get me off with a light sentence, officer. We took the jewels from Mr. Blair's house party."

Eudora breathed a startled "My Gawd!" Mrs. Roach swooned in Jupiter's arms, while Pat ejaculated, "Very clever of you, Suzanne; very clever, indeed."

Finnegan looked about in amazement, but sensing that he had inadvertently stumbled upon bigger game than he expected, took his cue and said: "Into ther waggin wild yez, one an' all, an' we'll be after straightenin' matters out at headquarters wid th' lootenant."

After Kilmansegg had signed his confession, Suzanne, Pat and Mammy departed in Pat's car. "Ready to marry me now?" Pat asked, as Mammy dozed in the tonneau.

"Yes, I love usual people, they're so dependable," was Suzanne's rejoinder.

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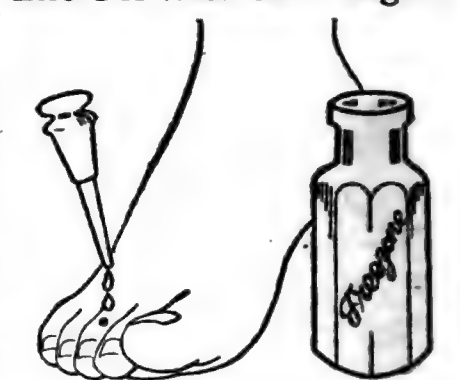
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A. C., Norwood, La.—It is permitted nowadays that invitations to far more formal affairs than your boy and girl dance may be given by telephone. So use the friendly wire if you wish to save yourself time and stationery. Or you might write short and simple notes for which the following would suggest the form:

MY DEAR JACK:
I am planning to give a little dance at my house on blank evening, blank date, at blank o'clock. I would like so much to have you come. Will you let me know if you can?

Sincerely,
and finish up with your name and the date when you are sending your notes of invitation—which should be well in advance of the time you are to give your party. The advantage of telephoning your invitations is that by this method you know almost at once who can come and who cannot. (2) Fourteen is not too young for a girl to learn how to cook, or to acquire any other details of the fine art of homemaking. There is as much good manners in a well-baked pan of fluffy biscuits as there is in a new dance step.

SUBSCRIBER, Rison, Ark.—At the end of the meal is the time that cake and the great American pie make their appearance. A pie or layer cake can be placed on the table to be cut and served by the hostess. A pie is sometimes quite properly left in the pan in which it has been baked—particularly if it is some attractive culinary attempt which would be easily injured. In such a case a napkin may be placed about the pan to cover it before serving. (2) In setting a table, knives and glassware are placed at the right, and forks and bread and butter plates upon the left. Where a maid is lacking to serve, convenience and common sense should govern your arrangement of any simple home dinner, more than any effort to conform with rules of etiquette as to table service and good form.

A. T., Bernie, Mo.—When the president of your club thanks you for having entertained the members at your home, why not say: "If you have all had the good time I've had in having you here, I am happy, you may be sure. Remember it has been just as much my good time as yours!" (2) No reply is needed when a clerk uses the customary phrases of thanking you for your purchase and asks you to "call again."

F. P., Blum, Texas.—To get a "lump in your throat" when reading or speaking in public is not a new or rare complaint. In fact, at sixteen, it is rather a natural one for which time, rest and generally sure remedy. You are probably unduly sensitive and a little too finely-nerved. Try to forget yourself as much as possible in what you are doing and cease to think that everyone has attention riveted upon you for purposes of criticism. They may be thinking that you are doing very well indeed. If you are reading or speaking, keep your mind on reading or speaking just as well as you can and let the rest take care of itself. Anything that aids you physically is apt to help your nervous timidity, but time and practice in meeting people and speaking before them is your only remedy.

BROWN EYES, North Carolina.—A bride does not wear a hat at her wedding, unless she is to be married in her going-away costume. You should not wear a hat if your wedding gown is to be of white satin. If you are married in your traveling costume, your hat should be a small one which harmonizes in color with your selected plainly-tailored suit. (2) Whether you would remove your coat on the train, would depend entirely on the temperature and advise you against traveling, even in summer, in any light-colored frock of this material.

READER OF COMFORT, Virginia.—If your father cannot aid you with money, and you cannot yourself earn enough for your support, we do not see how you can plan to establish yourself in the city. In any event, no fifteen-year-old girl should leave a farm home and enter a big city with the idea of earning a living. Surely your father, or anyone else who knows of your plans, would advise you wisely against this. If you had old friends or relatives in the city, whose home you could enter and who could aid you to get work that might prove self-supporting, there might be some excuse for your wish to leave home. As it is, we think you should remain at home until you have either through your own efforts or your father's labor, secured funds that would give you a safe and sure start in new and strange surroundings. And in the meantime you will be getting a few years older. We congratulate you on your pluck and ambition—but these must not outrun safety and common sense.

KENTUCKY BELLS, Center, Ky.—A man is always supposed to be capable of getting on by himself, without a girl's assistance. Do not offer to aid your caller in this way. (2) A girl of sixteen may have boys call upon her if her parents do not object, but at this age she is too young to "go" with any particular boy or to receive serious attentions from young men older than herself. Sixteen and younger girls are only for school books and school boys—which reminds us that you write "permissible" when your spelling book would demand "permissible."

DIMPLES, Joplin, Mo.—There is nothing easier to start than gossip and probably Joplin is no exception to this rule. So, considering that you are really the head of your junior household, it might be well to avoid any censorious remarks by not inviting your caller into your home when you return at a rather late hour of the evening. (2) Yes; you may ask your caller to come again, if you think he is the kind that needs encouragement. Boys are often bashful creatures and need a kind word or two to help their timid hearts.

BUTTERCUP, South Carolina.—If the party in the room number of a hotel is a new arrival, a new arrival would be expected to make the round of the guests—shaking hands with those known and being introduced to faces that were strange.

LONESOME, South Carolina.—Why do you say you "cannot think of anything to say" when you go anywhere? Certainly you should be able to join in the same topics of conversation as others of your friends. Listen to what they say; watch what they do; and then play the part of an interested listener. Don't think that others must care about your having "a grand or bad time." Pitch in and have a grand time yourself and make others have one, also. You are "lonesome" because you are self-conscious and self-centered. Take a hand in making other people happy and you will find yourself happy, too—and a lot less lonesome.

GRACE, Oklahoma.—You should thank a boy who has escorted you home, or extended any like courtesy. But we think it is he who should be grateful for the dance. (2) If a boy is walking on the street with one girl or with two, he would take his place nearest the curb—the principle being that he is thus in a position to guard against accidents of traffic, mud, etc. While this rule and other considerations would prevent a man walking between two girls, there is no objection to a girl taking her place between two escorts and thus being twice guarded and amused. We congratulate you on your delightful handwriting.

S. M. D., Lexington, Va.—The ideal average weight for a girl of eighteen who is five feet, five inches in height, would be 126 pounds. You do not give your age, which we only guess. If you are younger, this average would be about a pound lighter for each year; and if you are older, add at the same rate to the weight given. (2) As a general rule, brown is a color which would make a young girl, with pale complexion, look older than she really is. If you were brown, choose the lighter shades, tending towards tans and

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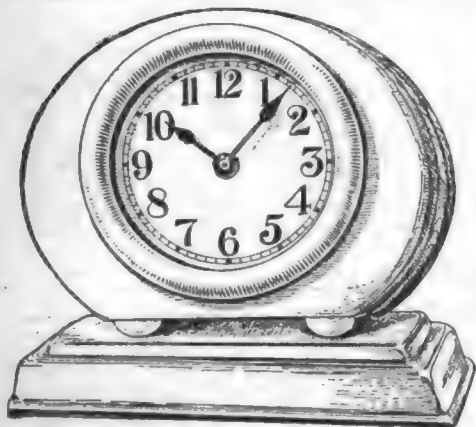
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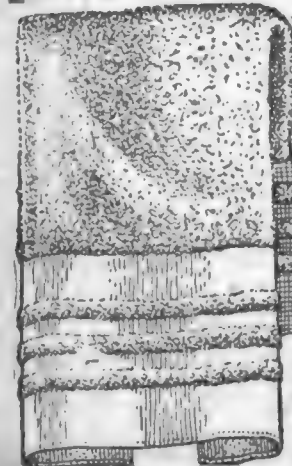


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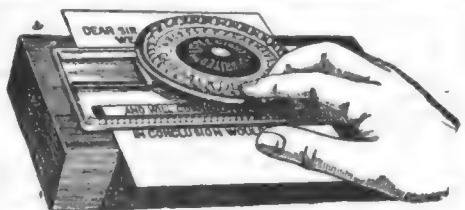
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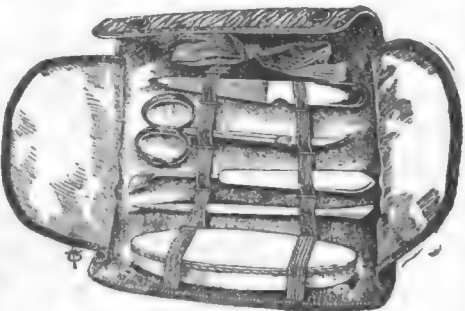


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Mrs. R. A. B., Missouri.—Under the laws of Texas, we are of the opinion that no partition can be had of the homestead during the lifetime of a surviving husband or wife, or so long as the survivor may elect to use or occupy the same as a homestead, or so long as the guardian of minor children may be permitted to occupy same by order of court, and we think this homestead right is protected to the surviving husband or widow and minor children against the testamentary provisions in the will of the deceased consort; we think that after the homestead rights of the surviving consort and minor children are terminated, homesteads descend as other real property.

Mrs. G. R., Kentucky.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that 90 per cent. of the wages or salaries of persons earning \$75 per month or less is exempt by law from levy under execution; we think that if you can substantiate the fact that the doctor who operated upon you was grossly negligent in making the diagnosis of your case he would not be entitled to collect from you for his services.

Mrs. D. O., New Jersey.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that it is necessary to record a deed to real estate in order to protect the owner thereof against the rights of subsequent purchasers of the land who purchase in good faith and without notice of the prior deed; we think, however, that if the holder of the first deed of the property you mention, entered into possession of the land and continued to hold such possession, this would constitute notice of ownership to the purchaser who holds the later deed of the property, but this state of facts would constitute a cloud upon the title and might necessitate a court action for the removal of the defect in the title.

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Mrs. J. M., Wisconsin.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a mortgage may be foreclosed as soon as there is a default in the payment of either principal or interest.

J. M. C., Montana.—If the administrator of the estate you mention refuses to account to the persons entitled to an interest therein, over the personal allowance for administration expenses, we think it will be necessary to commence proceedings against him to compel him to do so.

L. P., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of either the husband or wife one-half of the common property goes to the survivor and the remainder to the child or children of the deceased; we think that under certain circumstances children's rights to a deceased parent's share in community property may be barred by the statute of limitations.

A. G., Oregon.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married woman, leaving no will, and leaving a surviving husband and one child as her only heirs at law and next of kin, her surviving husband would receive curtesy of a life estate in one-half of the real estate, and one-half of the personal estate absolutely, the balance of the estate going to the child.

Mrs. M. W. K., Ohio.—If your debtor refuses or neglects to pay the interest on his mortgage debt to you, we think it will be necessary for you to foreclose the mortgage in order to enforce the payment of the same; we think you would be very foolish to allow your relationship to your debtor to interfere with your property rights.

Mrs. A. S., Arkansas.—We think the holder of the note you mention can enforce the payment of the same from either the maker or endorser of such note.

S. P., Kansas.—We think the laws of your state prohibit marriages between first cousins, and that such a marriage in your state would subject the parties to punishment for such act; we do not think there is any Federal law prohibiting such a marriage, but, as above stated, the state law would govern; we do not think the laws of any state require the consent of the parents where both parties are over 21 years of age.

Mrs. E. S., Montana.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that if the maker of the note you mention does not pay same, the maker can be held for such payment. (2) We think such a liability can be discharged by bankruptcy, provided the schedules are properly drawn. (3) We think a transfer of property, made for the purpose of avoiding the payment of a debt, could be set aside in the proper action brought for that purpose.

Mrs. N. L., Louisiana.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that an examination made of the records in order to determine whether the land owned by you was legally sold during your minority; we think such sale would be legal if made in a legal manner.

Mrs. A. S., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the holder of a note can compel the endorser to pay same, the endorser can sue the maker for such payment when the same becomes due; we think that after such payment by the endorser he is entitled to collect in turn from the maker of the note.

Mrs. M. G. C., Virginia.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving no child nor descendant living at the time of his death, his widow in addition to her homestead rights and certain small allowances, would be entitled to receive dower of a one-third interest for life in his real estate and one-half of the surplus, after payment of debts and expenses of the personal property, and in addition thereto she shall be entitled to all of the surplus remaining of the personal property as shall have been acquired by the intestate in virtue of his marriage to her if the same occurred prior to April 4, 1877.

A. L., Philippine Islands.—Under your laws, we are of the opinion that all property belonging to either husband or wife before marriage remains the personal property of the original owner. Property acquired during marriage and improvements on property acquired before marriage belong to the conjugal partnership and constitute the community property. The husband is the head of the community and administers the community property except when declared judicially absent, insane or suffering civil interdiction, or when the community property is subject to a contract may be executed stipulating the conditions for the conjugal partnership with regard to future and present property. Gifts between spouses during marriage are void, except moderate gifts on occasions of birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Parents are bound to give dowry to their legitimate daughters of one-half of their legitimate portion and the dowry may be estimated or appraised or unestimated. The ownership of the estimated dowry passes to the husband, who upon dissolution of the marriage, must return its value. The husband is the administrator of the unestimated dowry, and upon dissolution of the marriage the same property constituting the dowry must be returned. The separate or personal property of the wife is administered by her unless she transfers the administration to her husband. The wife cannot alienate or mortgage her dowry or paraphernal property without the consent of her husband. Upon dissolution of the marriage an inventory is taken, and after deducting debts and charges, husband and wife share equally in the community property.

Mrs. F. G., Missouri.—If your husband is disposing of your property, we think you should refuse to allow him to do so; we think if he forces your name to deeds or other instruments, it may be necessary for you to have him punished for so doing.

Mrs. C. H. C., West Virginia.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving no child nor descendant, his surviving widow is entitled to receive all the personal estate, after payment of debts and expenses, and dower of a one-third interest for life in his real estate, the balance of the real estate going to his parents, brothers and sisters or their descendants, depending upon who is left.

Mrs. J. G., Montana.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a husband cannot be compelled to support his wife if she abandons him, without just cause, but that he can be compelled to provide separate support for her in case the court finds his treatment of her was such as to necessitate her leaving him.

Mrs. F. C. N., Montana.—We do not think the laws of your state provide for community ownership of the property acquired by onerous title after marriage; we think the husband can be compelled to support his wife unless she abandons him without just cause, and that in case she survives him he cannot bar her from her inheritance rights in his estate; we think in case the husband deserts his wife, without good cause, she can enforce her right to support from him against any property he may own.

Mrs. J. T. B., Minnesota.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving a surviving widow and children by two marriages, his widow, in addition to her homestead rights, if any, and certain small allowances from the personal estate, would receive one-third of both the personal and real estate, after the payment of debts and expenses, the balance of the estate going to the children of both marriages in equal shares.

Mrs. B. L., Oregon.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving a surviving widow and children by two marriages, his widow, in addition to her homestead rights, if any, and certain small allowances from the personal estate, would receive one-third of both the personal and real estate, after the payment of debts and expenses, the balance of the estate going to the children of both marriages in equal shares.

G. W. L., Wisconsin.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the surviving husband cannot enforce his curtesy rights to the real estate of his deceased wife against her children by a former husband to whom such land has descended.

Mrs. G. F., Missouri.—If the deed to the property you mention is drawn so that it creates a tenancy by the entirety to yourself and husband, we think the whole property upon the death of one becomes the sole property of the survivor; we think it will be necessary for your husband to leave a will if he desires you to receive his whole estate as even though you are probably entitled to receive all of the real estate if the title stands in both of your names as tenants by the entirety, you will only receive a child's part of the personal estate if he leaves no will, and leaves surviving descendants.

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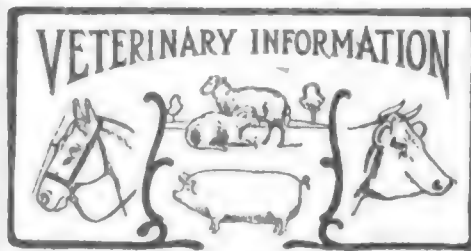
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LUNG WORMS.—Can you give me a remedy for lung worms in calves? I had three die with them. They had diarrhea, complete loss of appetite, eyes sunk back in the head. They coughed slightly, and after death I found the lungs were clogged with white worms about two inches long. They died in a week after developing the above symptoms. J. E. R.

A.—There is no certain remedy for lung worms. The eggs are taken in on old grass and on farms where the worms have caused trouble calves should be raised in pens and yards for the first 12 months of their lives and should be kept off pasture. The usual treatment consists in fumigating infested calves with burning sulphur or vaporized iodine, or in injecting a chloroform mixture directly into the windpipe. Consult the local veterinarian about that. Generous feeding is imperative.

LAME MULE.—My mule at times is lame in her left hind leg. When I first noticed the lameness she would walk on her toe for a few steps, and then would walk all right again. Now she steps ahead and does not let her foot go far enough back and rests it. She does all the work I require and does not show lameness when pulling. R. M. H.

A.—Ringbone around the hoof often causes such lameness. If an enlargement is found there clip off the hair and blister the part several times at intervals of two or three weeks with a mixture of two drams each of powdered cantharides and biniodine of mercury and three ounces of lard. Without an examination, however, we are unable to say for sure what is causing the lameness.

FOUNDER.—I have a twelve-year-old mare that has been foundered. Her front feet are soft and will not hold the shoe more than two weeks. She is a little lame at times. Her legs are stiff where the head joins the neck. When grazing she puts one foot back and the other forward which seems to make her fore legs stiff. What can I do for her? G. A. T.

A.—Chronic founder causes a horse to thrust both fore feet well forward and go on his heels when starting to walk. We scarcely think that founder is present in the case described. To toughen the feet so that they will hold nails apply to the junction of the horn and half of the hoofs every other day a mixture of one part of oil of tar and two parts of oil of balsam of fir. They should then hold nails in about six weeks, after which apply the treatment twice a week.

DEATH OF DOG.—Will you tell me what caused the death of a dog affected as described? She was sick four days. The first sign of any sickness was when she began slobbering a few times a day. For three days she ate good and seemed all right except when she had these spells. They were more violent when she tried to get her jaws apart. The fourth day she was paralyzed and could neither eat nor drink. I went to a veterinarian and he said it was worms and prescribed area nut. Mrs. A. E. C.

A.—The symptoms are highly suggestive of the dumb form of rabies or madness from the bite of an infected dog. Death takes place inside of a week. The affected dog is often thought to have a bone in its throat. The voice changes to a half bark, half howl. The eyes have an unnatural look, one pupil being dilated and the other contracted besides being gummy with mucus. There is no remedy. Worms often cause fits and temporary unconsciousness. Area nut is useful to kill worms. After starving a dog for 24 hours, give one dram of fluid extract of male fern and 20 grains of powdered area nut in a tablespoonful of simple syrup. Repeat the dose in four or five days. That is the dose for each 25 pounds of body weight of dog.

HEAVEN.—My horse has heaven. Can you tell me what will help him? D. J. W.

A.—Feed wet oat straw and corn stover instead of hay and also allow oats, wheat bran and carrots. In summer let the horse live on grass. Wet the feed with lime-water. In each feed mix a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal quantities by weight of powdered stramonium leaves and chlorid of ammonia. Do not give any bulky feed at noon when the horse has to work hard and do not work him immediately after a meal.

CANCER OF EYE.—I have a steer that has a bad eye. Pus has formed in it for some time. The lid is inflamed and he appears to be blind. R. P.

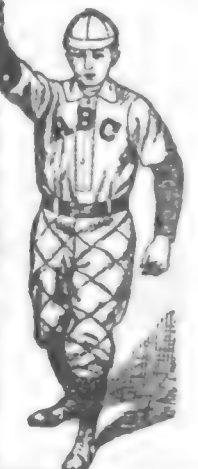
A.—There can be little question that the steer is afflicted with cancer of the eye (fungus histioides), and treatment will not now be likely to help. If cut out and cauterized when first noticed recovery may ensue. If the steer is otherwise well, eating normally and in good flesh, it may safely be slaughtered for meat. That cannot be done after the animal has become emaciated.

PARALYSIS.—I have a hog, eight months old, that suddenly lost all use of its hind legs. The hog had a large field in which to run and was fed on corn and

table scraps. Is there any remedy? D. W. L.
A.—Such paralysis is generally brought on by constipation from lack of exercise and errors in diet. Such causes should be removed. A quarter of a pound of juniper berries boiled with mill feed and given in three equal doses in one day often proves remedial.

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No attention will be given any inquiry which lacks the sender's full name and address but we will print only initials if so requested.

I. E. Simpson, Va.—Every senator and congressman is permitted to appoint two cadets to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. There are also eighty-two appointments at large in the hands of the President. All of these appointments are usually made one year in advance of date of admission. Many senators and congressmen are in the habit of granting these designations to the Academy after a competitive examination. Appointment does not necessarily mean admission, as all successful candidates must pass a rather difficult examination—one which would be equal to a carefully completed high school course. Candidates may also be admitted upon presentation of a certificate showing their past satisfactory school work, but if they are unable to keep up with the classes at the Academy, they are promptly dropped. The required course at West Point is four years. Consult your local congressman for further information, or write to the Superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

J. McG., Lennox, S. D.—It requires more than three boys to organize a troop of Boy Scouts. For all the information you wish, write to the National Headquarters, Boy Scouts of America, 200 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Mrs. F. F., Cheyenne, Wyo.—Practically all of the pearls that are often found when eating oysters have little or no value. You live in a fair-sized city; why not ask one of your local jewelers concerning this oyster trophy?

H. E. O., Ingram, Tex.—Write to the Bureau of Navigation, Washington, D. C., for information concerning becoming a wireless operator in the U. S. Navy. We know of no Radio School in Texas, although it is possible that such exists.

J. M., Biltmore, N. C.—The Panama Canal was opened for navigation on August 15, 1914. It is built across the Isthmus of Panama at its narrowest part but one. The canal has a length of 48.8 nautical miles from deep water in the Atlantic to deep water in the Pacific. The sea level portion of the canal extends from its commencement in Limon Bay to Gatun, a distance of 6.77 miles. At Gatun there are three pairs of locks leading to Gatun Lake, which is 85 feet above sea level. From the lake, the canal extends up the valley of the Chagres for 20.55 miles to Gamboa. It is at Gamboa that the famous Culebra Cut begins. This is about seven miles long and extends to Pedro Miguel Lock and dam on the Pacific slope of the canal. Here one lock lowers the passing ship to Miraflores Lake, a small body of water about a mile in length and located 55 feet above sea level. At the south end of this lake are the Miraflores Locks which, in two steps, lowers the vessel to the level of the Pacific. The canal then follows a sea level channel of seven miles, past Balboa, and out into the Pacific Ocean. The minimum channel depth of the Panama Canal is 41 feet and in some places this depth is 80 feet. The Canal Zone is a strip of land which extends for five miles on each side of the canal, but does not include the cities of Panama or Colon, which belong to the Republic of Panama. The United States paid \$10,000,000 for the Zone and also agreed to pay \$250,000 annually to the Republic of Panama for so long as the Zone was occupied by this country. The cost of the Panama Canal to our government was about \$375,000,000.

S. J., Janette, Pa.—We are sorry to shatter any hopes you may have, but we feel very certain that your violin which bears the name of Stradivarius is not a genuine work of that famous craftsman. Existing Strads are practically all known to experts, and some of the instruments are worth over \$25,000 up. There is apparently a flourishing business in the making of fraudulent "old violins" which are given false inscriptions to deceive buyers.

COMFORT FRIEND, Cloud Chief, Okla.—There are over eighteen million acres of vacant public lands in the State of Wyoming. This state is a famed sheep-raising section but, as in many others, the ranges are rapidly giving place to general agriculture. In a large part of Wyoming irrigation is needed to make the soil produce, and only in the eastern portion can crops be successfully grown without additional water supply. But there are numerous public and private irrigation projects in operation to furnish water to the thirsty acres, and where this is done fine crops of alfalfa, sugar beets, vegetables and small fruits are being grown. Over a million acres of the state are now irrigated, and systems of dry farming are also in use. Wyoming has a mean elevation of 6,300 feet, and the dry atmosphere and clear sunshine make a healthful climate. There are U. S. Land Offices in the state at Cheyenne, Douglas, Evanston, Lander and Newcastle. You can write to any of these, or all, (2) Colorado, to speak generally, in a state of abundant sunshine, dry atmosphere and light rainfall. Although much of the land in Colorado will always be better suited for grazing than for agricultural uses, yet the cultivated area of this great state increases each year. The eastern portion of the state—once an immense plain devoted entirely to the raising of cattle—is now being gradually developed into a splendid agricultural section. There are 8,251,297 acres of vacant public land in Colorado. There are ten U. S. Land Offices in the state to any one of which you might write. The most important of these offices would be those at Denver and Pueblo. (3) New Mexico has almost 15,000,000 acres of vacant public lands and the principal U. S. Land Offices in the state are at Santa Fe and Roswell. The state is largely arid and its general surface is high plateaus, traversed by mountain ranges. The valleys are mostly level and their soil fertile. The climate is the driest in the United States. Yet when sufficient water can be had, the soil shows wonderful fertility. There are now extensive irrigation projects on the Pecos, Rio Grande and other large rivers. Much of New Mexico has sufficient rainfall to be classed as "dry farming" land. We think the southeastern portion of the state to be least desirable for homestead purposes. In some parts of New Mexico today all the various grains and vegetables are produced, and during late years a considerable fruit-raising industry has been developed.

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lime-sulphur spray can be used at this time without danger of having a residue of poison remain on leaves. (4) Our experience has not brought us in touch with the general rotting of near-ripe tomatoes such as you describe, though we have known it to occur quite extensively in wet seasons on poorly drained land. We cannot think of any disease that would act in this way. Perhaps it is something that is common only to your locality. In this case we advise that you get in touch at once with your State Agricultural Experiment Station, giving full particulars.

ROSES REFUSE TO BLOOM.—Please tell me why everblooming roses don't bloom in this limestone region. I have everblooming roses, including everblooming rambler, also calla lily, and none of them ever blooms.

Mrs. A. G., Maxwellton, W. Va.
A.—Perhaps your roses refuse to bloom because of the excessive amounts of limestone in the soil. It would be well to make a separate bed for these roses. Get rich, loamy black soil from the woods, add well-rotted barnyard manure and good, clean sand, using one part of each, and compost them after thorough mixing. Dig out the new bed to a depth of 8 inches and fill in with the composted mixture. Transplant the roses to this bed. If the excess of lime in the soil has been the cause of their refusing to bloom, this trouble will be overcome in this way.



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pounds. This rifle is absolutely safe because it cannot be discharged until the cartridge is automatically locked in the chamber and there is positively no danger of back firing. For target practice and to take along on hunting and camping trips this is just the rifle that every red-blooded boy should have because with it you are always sure of bagging all the small game that comes your way such as rabbits, squirrels, hawks and all kinds of game birds. We want every boy who reads this offer to have one of these splendid rifles and we are going to make it very easy for you to get one without spending a cent for it. Here's our free offer. Just read it.

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Life on the farm is the only life for her, so we want to give her to some little girl who lives on a farm, where she can romp and play to her heart's content and be happy all day long. Please remember, however, that we have but a limited number of these Dolls on hand and if you want one your order should be sent in at once.

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and all our blessings. If I have written something to cause comment, remember this:

"Not understood, we gather false impressions, And hug them closer as the years go by. Till often virtues seem to us transgressions, And thus man rises, falls and lives and dies, Not understood."

Just one thing more and I will close. There is no bitterness so hard to overcome as that which springs from unjust censure by our friends, no pain that cuts so deep as the keen shock of careless blame from lips of those whose very thoughts were dear to us. No hopelessness so desperate as finding those to whom we bared our souls, held no real faith, no true belief in us, their once beloved.

MRS. FLORA ESTES.

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DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS: I have read COMFORT ever since I have known how to read and have gained valuable help thereby. Especially do I enjoy the Sisters' Corner and Crumbs of Comfort.

To Contented Wife, of North Carolina, I have taught school for four years and find that children who wait till they are seven to start school, learn much better than those who start at five and six. Last year while teaching I had a little girl eight years old. She had never been to school before and by the end of four months she had reached the fourth grade. I have also had children start school at the age of five and not complete the first grade during the whole term.

I live near the Mammoth and Onyx Caves. I am twenty-two years old, unmarried and would be glad to receive letters from any who care to write.

Best wishes to all. ELVA HAWKINS.

Best Ways of Doing Things Around the Home

To keep sheet corners from whipping out in the wind, stitch four or five rows diagonally across the hem.—MRS. FRED PAGE, Battle Ground, Ind.

When washing, add a little kerosene, a tablespoonful is enough, and see how much whiter the clothes will be.—MRS. GLADYS PRETTYWOOD, Warland, Mont.

When screws become loose, remove and make a wooden peg to fit the screw hole. Cover with glue and drive in to depth of hole and cut off smooth. Let glue harden, then put screw back and it will fit tightly. A hole a little smaller than the screw, made with a nail, will make it easier to put in.—FORSEY, Pattonsburg, Mo.

A tried cement for stove is made of equal parts of wood ashes and table salt reduced to a paste with cold water. Fill the cracked place with this paste when stove is cold and it will soon harden.

Campfire placed in trunks or drawers will prevent mice from doing injury.

Use sewing silk when basting velvet and when removed there will be no trace of the stitches. Cotton thread is not as satisfactory.

If you want gingham to hold its color, try this: To one gallon of water, add one pint of vinegar and one pint of salt. Soak cloth in this.—DELLIE LILLY, Odd, W. Va.

When taking epsom salts, first take a swallow of buttermilk, then the salts, and another swallow of buttermilk. There is no disagreeable taste in the month then.

Put cardboard in shoes that have cheap inner soles. Replace as it wears out.

To cook an egg when you have no fire, put a little butter in a tin pie pan and break an egg in it. Hold this over lighted lamp and the egg will soon cook.—EVA, Hegira, Ky.

When sewing buttons on heavy clothing, lay a pin across the button and sew it over. This keeps the button from being so near the cloth and it stays on longer and buttons easier.

Use a fine crochet hook to pull thread through picots in making tatting.

When crocheting, keep a small safety pin handy and when you lay your work down catch in the stitch and snarl together. This prevents unraveling.—MRS. BEN F. FAGAN, Martin, Ga.

Requests

How to wash woolen flannel.

How to rid sweet peas of green lice.

Mrs. Amy E. Murphy, So. Portland, 10 Cottage St., Maine, would like reading matter.

Wanted: Address of Anne Ayers, maker of wigs.—MRS. CALLIE BURNHAM, Redwater, Box 57, Texas.

Mrs. Rudolph Jobs, Ariel, Washington, DuBoise Camp, has magazines to exchange. Write first.

The following wish back numbers of COMFORT. In every case, write before sending paper, as only one of each kind is desired.

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Mrs. Evalyn Smith, Vallejo, 715 Sonoma St., Cal., August, September and October, 1920.

Mrs. Alice Vanom, Mart, R. R. 6, Box 93, Texas, July and November, 1920.

Mrs. Lewis M. Puckett, Orient, R. R. 1, Ohio, January, 1920.

Mrs. Rose Sherwood, Corunna, R. R. 1, Ind., January, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas Lamb, Portville, R. R. 1, New York, May, 1909.

Maggie Wilson, Jackson, Box 269, Ky., Dec., 1919.

Edrie Kirby, Big Flat, Ark., Feb., 1918 and 1919.

Mrs. L. B. Williams, Alton, Fla., December, 1920, and January, 1921.

Mrs. Albert Hunter, Cranberry Creek, N. Y., February, 1921.

Mrs. A. L. Austin, Birmingham, 4920 Sixth Ave., North, Ala., October, 1920.

Miss Otel Christianson, Weyerhaeuser, R. R. 2, Box 42, Wisc., April, 1921.

Mrs. Elsie M. Willis, Arnett, W. Va., March, 1921.

Mrs. E. T. Crane, Orford, Ind., March, April, 1920.

Miss Cecil Williams, Frank, Ga., April, May, 1921.

Miss Annie Neathamer, Rogue River, R. R. 1, Ore., August, 1920.

Tillie O. Belrne, Pleasant Valley, N. Y., Oct., 1919.

Remedies

SUMMER COMPLAINT.—Make a strong tea of cinnamon bark and give in tablespoonful doses, in milk preferably.—MRS. MARIA J. KNOWLTON, Eureka, Cal.

RATTLE-SNAKE BITE.—Beat the yolk of an egg, add enough salt to make a poultice and apply this at fifteen-minute intervals for two hours. This is an old Indian remedy.—MRS. PHILIP S. LEATH, Gallatin, Tex.

BURNS.—Mix enough baking soda with vaseline to make a soft paste and apply to burn, being careful not to break the skin.—MRS. M. C. McNABB, Terreil, Texas.

RATTLE-SNAKE BITE.—Tie a bandage tightly above and below the bite; if possible, make tiny incision or cut out a tiny piece of flesh at point of bite, and squeeze. Pulverize a good pinch of permanganate of potassium and apply. Two applications will draw poison from flesh of man or beast. Turpentine and soda are also good. Bind soda over bite and pour turpentine over soda. Repeat as soon as soda turns green.—MRS. GEORGIA BIERMAN, Dixon, Mont.

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This is an exclusive ladies' Cash Prize Distribution to get them acquainted with our new "Wonder" Convertible Purse. You need not buy a thing to win—just so you are a female;

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4th Prize	200.00	7.00
5th Prize	100.00	5.00
6th to 10th	20.00	4.00
11th to 15th	10.00	3.00
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- Write "P" words on one side of paper only, numbering each word 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. If the picture is not clearly printed in this paper, write and we will gladly send you a larger size picture. Be sure to write your full name and address at top of each sheet.
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Johnny—"Pop, is a man born in Poland a Pole?"

His Father—"Yes, my son."

Johnny—"Well then, is a man born in Holland a Holey?"—Truth.

A Wife's Wit

"I've got an awfully witty wife," boasts Solomon Beach. "I get most of my good stuff from her, to tell you the truth. Sometimes, though, her wit is a bit too sharp for comfort. Now, the other evening I came home feeling sort of mean. I

Backward Children

Backward children are not always, perhaps not often, backward because of either mental deficiency or slothfulness, says the U. S. Public Health Service. Many of them are backward solely because of such ordinary and easily remediable defects as adenoids, near-sightedness, or bad teeth.

A case in point was recently reported by the official representative of the Public Health Service in the eighth sanitary district of Vermont, in which the Service is cooperating in a rural health work project.

Medical inspection of one of the graded schools in October, 1919, showed that it had been thought necessary to instruct in a special room sixteen pupils who had seemed to be unable to keep up with their respective classes. Physical examination showed that each of the sixteen had some serious hampering physical defect (chiefly enlarged tonsils, adenoids, or defective hearing or eyesight) which rather than any mental handicap, was the probable cause of their inability.

Through the cooperation of the school directors the facts were brought to the attention of the parents or guardians of the children and all were set right before the end of the year.

On re-examination of the pupils the

Seven Wheel Chairs in April 640 Is COMFORT'S Total to Date

The Wheel-Chair Club has made a fine showing the past month. The seven April wheel chairs go to Mrs. S. B. Gunning, R. F. D. 4, Bristol, Tenn.; Alvord Tedford, Greenwood, Ark.; Archie V. Matheson, R. 2, Box 24, Stony Point, N. C.; Herman Rodgers, Maxville, Ark.; Velma Irene Hough, Russ, Mo.; 57; Clarence W. Tutherford, R. 2, Box



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51, Lincolnton, N. C. 56; Conley Joyner, R. 2, Box 90, Judsonia, Ark. 54. The figures following their respective names indicate the number of subscriptions sent in by them or by their friends for them.

Mrs. S. B. Gunning, age 47, is so crippled by rheumatism that she can not stand and is almost helpless. She is a widow

with five children, one of them a cripple. The family is supported by the eldest daughter, who teaches school, and a son too young to earn a man's wages. The wheel chair will be a blessing to Mrs. Gunning and a great help to her younger daughter in caring for her.

Alvord Tedford, age 12, is badly crippled by rheumatism and for the past eighteen months has been unable to walk. He lives with his grandparents.

Archie V. Matheson, age 43, is crippled by rheumatism so that he has not been able to walk for more than two years. For support he is dependent on his wife and such of his four children as are able to work.

Herman Rodgers, age 12, has been crippled from early childhood and is unable to walk.

Velma Irene Hough, age 6, has no use of her lower limbs. When about a year old and just learning to walk she was taken sick with a disease, the nature of which has not been determined. It left her legs permanently affected and they have never developed as they should. She is a bright child and the wheel chair will be a joy to her and a help to her mother in caring for her.

Clarence W. Tutherford, age 10, has been a cripple from birth and never able to walk, but has full use of his hands.

Conley Joyner, age 28, has suffered severely from rheumatism the past three years and is now so crippled that he can not walk and has little or no use of his left arm. He has a wife and two boys, two and four years of age respectively.

It is now the season when the shut-ins, like the rest of humanity, are most desirous for the fresh air and sunshine. Do your best this month to help provide them with wheel chairs to enable them to get out of doors and enjoy the spring-time and summer.

Sincerely yours,

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